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VC HERO BACKS ARMY'S DEMAND FOR EQUIPMENT

LCpl Beharry welcomes public support for his comrades

BRITAIN'S most highly decorated serving soldier has backed "100 per cent" the head of the Army's calls for better and more equipment for troops in Afghanistan.

Lance Corporal Johnson Beharry, the only living recipient of the Victoria Cross, spoke to Kent on Sunday at a parade to welcome back soldiers from his regiment, The 1st Battalion the Princess of Wales's Royal Regiment, from tours of Afghanistan and Iraq.

Hundreds of people lined the streets to watch the Canterbury-based 'Tigers' march through Tunbridge Wells for the homecoming parade on Friday.

LCpl Beharry, 29, welcomed the public support.

He said: "It was amazing to see, it always is. When we are going out there it is important to see they [the public] give us the support.

"It just gives us confidence and makes us a bit more relaxed knowing we do not get blamed for something we did not make the decision on."

The parade came as it was announced another soldier had been killed in Afghanistan, the 185th

By **JENNA PUDELEK**

since the war began, and after 15 military deaths in just 10 days.

Meanwhile, General Sir Richard Dannatt, the head of the Army, said he was compiling a 'shopping list' for the Government, which included extra equipment needed to protect soldiers from improvised explosive devices.

He said if high numbers of casualties continued people at home would begin to question whether the mission was worthwhile, which would be a "disaster in strategic terms".

LCpl Beharry said he did not want to reveal what soldiers from his battalion had told him about equipment in Afghanistan, but he supported Gen Dannatt's comments.

"Gen Dannatt dealt with that in what he said," he said. "He is the one to make decisions and anything he says I support him 100 per cent. He is the one who knows what should and should not happen."

The Chief of the General Staff was speaking out



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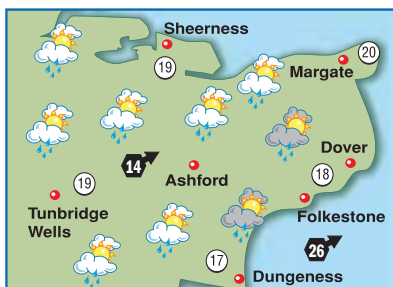
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ATTENTION: LCpl Beharry watches the regiment march past in Tunbridge Wells

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TODAY: Some occasional sun, but showers will break out widely and will be heavy in places. Fresh southwesterly winds. Max temp 17-20C (63-68F).
TONIGHT: Lingering showers will die out to leave a dry night with clear spells. Brisk westerly winds. Min temp 11-13C (52-55F).

Around Britain

		°C	°F			°C	°F
Aberdeen	showers	17	63	London	cloudy	21	70
Belfast	cloudy	15	59	Liverpool	showers	17	63
Birmingham	fair	19	66	Manchester	showers	18	64
B'mouth	cloudy	20	68	Newcastle	showers	17	63
Bristol	fair	18	64	Norwich	showers	20	68
Cardiff	fair	18	64	Oxford	cloudy	19	66
Cork	fair	17	63	Southsea	cloudy	20	68
Edinburgh	rain	15	59	S'hampton	fair	18	64
Glasgow	rain	15	59	Southport	showers	17	63
Isle of Man	fair	17	63	Swansea	showers	18	64
Leeds	showers	16	61	Torquay	fair	18	64

Sun & moon

Sunrise	5.00am	Sunset	9.03pm	Lighting up times:
Moonrise	1.19am	Moonset	7.12pm	9.03pm to 5.01am

High Tides

	today	tomorrow
	ht (m)	ht (m)
Dover	09.00 5.7 21.25 6.0	10.09 6.0 22.29 6.3
Margate	10.03 4.1 22.27 4.2	11.06 4.3 23.35 4.4
St Mary's	02.25 4.7 15.00 4.8	03.33 4.9 16.03 5.2

Week ahead

monday Isolated showers max 21C min 13C	thursday Scattered showers. max 21C min 13C
tuesday Mainly dry. max 22C min 14C	friday Showers, heavy. max 21C min 13C
wednesday A few showers. max 22C min 13C	saturday Isolated showers. max 21C min 12C

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Expert says swine flu is still fairly mild and GPs are ready

Doctor's orders are not to panic

By **STEVE KNIGHT**

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A PUBLIC health expert is continuing to play down the threat of swine flu despite a rapid increase in the number of people reporting symptoms.

Doctors have seen a leap in cases of almost 50 per cent in the past week, while on Friday the amount of deaths caused by the illness stood at 29, including some patients who did not have underlying health problems.

However, Dr Jackie Spiby – director of health improvement at NHS West Kent – told Kent on Sunday there was still no need to panic and that GPs were well-placed to cope with the pandemic.

Symptoms

She said: "The rate is very small compared to other types of flu and compared to what it could have been."

"It's still a fairly mild disease and most people who die do have underlying problems, which is obviously still a concern, but it's not proving to be getting any worse or more virulent."

A national flu telephone line is due to be operational by the end of next week, which Dr Spiby said would take some of the pres-

sure off GPs whose job it has so far been to diagnose patients.

She added: "It will be especially useful for people who do not have any underlying medical conditions as well as those with mild cases of swine flu and people who are worried about catching it."

"People will also be able to go online and access a series of pages that will let them know if they are likely to have swine flu."

"There will be lists of symptoms that will help us decide whether somebody needs to visit their GP or if they even have the illness at all."

"Both the telephone number and the website will be heavily promoted in the days to come, so everybody will know how to access them."

Dr Spiby was keen to stress that people should find out what their individual NHS number is, as they will not be given any of the anti-viral drug Tamiflu without it. She added that there will only be one prescription per patient.

Those deemed to require treatment will also be given an authority number, which a

'flu friend' should use in conjunction with the NHS number, the patient's identification and their own ID to collect the prescription from their nearest pick-up point.

Earlier this week the Royal College of General Practitioners criticised the Government's response to the flu pandemic, saying it had provided conflicting advice to both doctors and patients about Tamiflu and that there was a lack of knowledge over how long people with the illness should stay at home.

However, Dr Spiby said she was not aware of any such grievances in Kent and that the county's doctors were well prepared to deal with the outbreak.

Coping

She added: "West Kent PCT has recently received a letter from the Kent Local Medical Committee saying how pleased they were with our response, so although it's certainly been tough we are coping very well."

"Our GPs are certainly busier though, so it's important people do not book up appointments just because they are worried about swine flu."

"My advice in the meantime is to continue to catch it, kill it and bin it and to take paracetamol if they do come down with swine flu because it helps with the temperature."

Boy 'did not die of swine flu'

A SEVEN-year-old boy has died suddenly of a mystery illness it has been revealed, *writes Simon Robinson.*

The Strood youngster – who has not been named – is thought to have passed away on Tuesday evening.

It was initially believed the English Martyrs' Catholic Primary School pupil had contracted swine flu, but the Health Protection Agency (HPA) said the "earliest indica-

tion is he did not die as a result of the virus".

Reports from the NHS Trust suggest the youngster may have been suffering other health problems and "was admitted with a range of complications unrelated to swine flu".

A remembrance Mass will be held in honour of the boy at the church adjoining the Strood school next week.

Medway Council has said the school will remain open for

the remainder of the term, closing as planned on Wednesday, July 22.

The council's children and adult services director Rose Collinson said: "Our first thoughts are with the boy, his family and all of his friends."

"The HPA has said the earliest indications are that he did not die of swine flu."

"We simply do not know the cause of death and cannot speculate at this time."

"The HPA's investigation into the boy's death is incomplete."

Yvonne Doyle, regional director of public health, NHS South East Coast, said test results were pending.

Medway Council has already revealed it plans to open a centre specifically to distribute medication to swine flu victims.

The Government has set up a swine flu information hotline to answer any public questions on 0800 1 513 513.



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No space for our children as grammar ruling backs incomers

By **STEVE KNIGHT**

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BRIGHT pupils could continue to miss out on grammar school places in west Kent following one family's failed battle against 'super-selection'.

The Judd School in Tonbridge and The Skinners' School in Tunbridge Wells – both controlled by The Skinners' Company – will carry on accepting high-scoring children from outside the county after an independent adjudicator ruled in their favour.

Parents of pupils who live in the west were angered earlier this year when their children were offered grammar places as far away as Folkestone in the east – a problem that will likely be repeated next year as a result of the appeal decision.

Independent education advisor Peter Read said an opportunity to ease the pressure on other schools had been missed: "Both Judd and Skinners' have gone down the super-selective route in the past 10 years, so the process is established and to take it away would have been an important decision."

"I don't think the adjudicator looked at all the issues. The effect on Tunbridge Wells Grammar School for instance, as it is already overcrowded and cannot cope with the extra children it has taken on."

"But the key issue is that Judd and Skinners' have pulled in 20 pupils each from East Sussex alone, which means local children are being forced out of west Kent and there is now intense pressure on those taking their 11-plus to perform."

Missed opportunity

In response to the adjudicator, The Skinners' Company argued that selecting children geographically would prompt families to move to "an enclave of expensive housing".

A statement released following the decision read: "Both schools remain concerned by the disparity between the number of students in west Kent who are deemed selective and the number of places available."

"They will continue to work closely with [Kent County Council], whose responsibility it is, to help resolve this situation."

Earlier this year Mr Read revealed to KoS how 268 youngsters from Greenwich and Lewisham had snapped up grammar places in the west and north-west Kent.

Eight Kent grammar schools also turned away more than 40 first-choice children who had passed their 11-plus tests, compared to just three last year.

He said this week: "This abdication of responsibility for the shortage of grammar places is astonishing. They know that if they were to offer places to local boys first, the problem would all but vanish."

"The 42 boys from East Sussex offered places at Judd and Skinners' in March equates with the number from west Kent... directed to grammar schools in Folkestone or Sittingbourne..."

"For months politicians have argued that super-selective procedures have caused the problems in west Kent, so why hasn't anything been done about it? This was the perfect opportunity and it has been missed."

Cabinet member for education Cllr Sarah Hohler said: "KCC will continue to engage in discussions with the governors of these and other west Kent schools when setting admissions arrangements for future years."



RETURN: As soldiers parade through Tunbridge Wells, LCpl Johnson Beharry reveals his feelings at being unable to return to the fight

Hero reveals his anguish

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at the end of his last trip to Afghanistan ahead of his retirement next month.

He said overhead surveillance equipment was needed to monitor Taliban activity, and he also repeated calls for more British, American or Afghan "boots on the ground".

LCpl Beharry is unlikely to return to active service due to the injuries he suffered while carrying out the two acts of unbelievable bravery that earned him the VC medal.

In 2004, he saved fellow soldiers from a burning Warrior armoured vehicle hit by rocket-propelled grenades during two Iraqi ambushes. After the vehicle was further damaged in the attack, the hatch was blown away, exposing him to enemy fire.

But he still managed to lead a five-vehicle convoy to relative safety before going back to rescue more of his comrades. He suffered serious shrapnel injuries to his face and head, leaving him needing brain surgery.

Five years on and he is still recovering from the trauma. Earlier this year, he spoke out about veterans struggling to get treatment for mental health problems.

He said the Government needed to do more for ex servicemen and women suffering from post traumatic stress disorder, depression and mental breakdowns.

LCpl Beharry told KoS there was still not enough support: "No matter what happens we can never do enough to accommodate for combat stress, it is something you have to deal with for the rest of your life. Think about how many soldiers we have got and they do tour after tour. A lot more could be suffering from combat stress."

Suffering

"I know because I'm suffering from it. I'm getting there, but I'm not better, I still get flashbacks... I'm still reliving the moments, suffering sleepless nights and nightmares."

He seemed dejected by the thought of not being able to return to the battlefield, saying: "Because of my injury I'm not able to. I try not to think about it because I don't want to be disappointed again. I would like to go back and do my job, but I'm not allowed to, so I don't want to get disappointed."

An opinion poll carried out after British

military deaths in Afghanistan passed those in Iraq showed that more people supported the war than three years ago.

The survey, published on Monday, found that 47 per cent of people support the war in Afghanistan while 46 per cent oppose it.

The Tigers' Brigadier Simon Deakin said: "Although everybody is always wary of public opinion surveys, that the public is supportive of what we are doing is an important thing. It gives the troops an additional confidence in what they are doing."

Although Brig Deakin has not been in Afghanistan since 2006, he runs the equipment directory for Gen Dannatt.

With the Government under increasing pressure over equipment in Afghanistan, Brig Deakin backed his boss: "There are a lot of different things being said. I think the best line to go on is to listen to Richard Dannatt and what he said. That is the closest explanation I've heard of his position."

"Because the moment you get a controversial subject like this people put a lot of different spins on it depending on view points and it is tough to sort the truth from the spin."

Skills board slammed over lack of funding

THE Learning and Skills Council has been accused of "catastrophic mismanagement" over a frozen building scheme that has affected several Kent colleges.

Canterbury College, South Kent College and Thanet College are all still awaiting funding worth tens of millions pounds that was withdrawn when the Government realised there was not enough money to go around.

North West Kent College was one of 13 high-priority cases told their building works could continue late last month.

The LSC, which ran the scheme on behalf of the Government, was this week criticised by members of the Innovation, Universities, Science and Skills Committee for approving projects it did not have money for.

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Julie Maddocks met youngsters from Snodland to see how they were preparing for their O2 debut.

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Campus to host Youth Parliament debate

THE abolition of university tuition fees and improving political education will be among the topics debated as hundreds of budding MPs descend on Kent.

Members of the UK Youth Parliament will be holding their ninth annual sitting at the University of Kent's Canterbury campus from next Friday until Monday, July 27.

The delegates will include six MYPs from Kent: Ellie Davies, 17, from Canterbury; Oliver Rowlinson, 17 (Sevenoaks); Kerr

Jeffries, 17; Ariba Karim, 16 (Ashford); Rhys George, 18 (Swale); and Samuel Watkin, 13 (Maidstone). Introducing a national discount card for young people is another topic set to be debated by the teenagers who will also take part in campaign launches.

"High level" visits have been promised, including minister for the South East and MP for Chatham and Aylesford Jonathan Shaw. In March, MPs voted by an overwhelming majority to allow MYPs to sit and debate

in the House of Commons this autumn.

The move will see the chamber being used by people other than elected Westminster representatives for the first time.

The UK Youth Parliament provides opportunities for 11 to 18 year olds to use their voices to bring social change. More than 500 young people make up the elected MYPs and deputy MYPs. The Youth Parliament was launched in 1999 and held its first sitting in 2001 in London.

Long-term care must be 'fair and affordable'

By **JENNA PUDELEK**

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A LONG-awaited discussion document on care for disabled and older people has been welcomed by a top official at County Hall.

Oliver Mills, managing director of adult social services at Kent County Council, said the current system was not fair, upfront or understandable. Critics say the system is letting down the elderly and thousands of people with disabilities.

The system is means-tested and those with a home or savings of more than £23,000 have to pay for their own care. Many are forced to sell their homes.

Meanwhile, new figures suggest families face a postcode lottery when it comes to the amount local authorities contribute to charges for residential and nursing homes.

KCC offers a maximum of £577 a week towards the cost of a nursing home, while neighbouring Greenwich council in south London pays up £1,338, according to health researchers Laing & Buisson.

However, KCC has argued the amount local authorities contribute can vary according to the cost of care in an area and the amount the individual can contribute. The figures are not an indicator of an authority's generosity, the council said.

Black hole

With the number of adults needing care and support expected to increase nationally by 1.7 million by 2026, and with a predicted £6 billion black hole in the social care budget within 20 years, the Department for Health published a green paper on Tuesday proposing options for future funding.

Mr Mills said: "The green paper is extremely important. I thought it was very timely, had been well presented, clearly put and it is right to do it now."

"They've got the kind of care and support people want. They have described that well and have consulted widely."

The paper outlines a national care service with everybody receiving some state support to create a "fair, simple and affordable" system. Options include a partnership model in which the Government would contribute up to a third of the cost of basic care and support. Depending on what they could afford, people would have to make up the rest - about £20,000 to £25,000.

Another is a voluntary insurance scheme



DEBATE: Adult care services need a radical overhaul to meet future needs

where the state would still provide a proportion of care, but people would be encouraged to take out an insurance scheme of about £20,000 to £25,000 to be protected.

In the 'comprehensive' model, everyone who was able would pay into a state insurance scheme. They would have to pay about £17,000 to £20,000, either in a lump sum or in instalments before or after retirement, or after death via their estate.

The options have been criticised because middle-class people who have saved and paid taxes all their lives could still face having to sell their homes to pay for care.

Mr Mills said: "The options are all quite complex and really need some time devoted to thinking through the implications. We need to avoid a position where people feel those who haven't paid anything in and have not been responsible are getting more."

"That's really at the heart of this. It's about wanting to be fair, upfront and understandable."

He declined to say which option he preferred, and urged people to take part in the consultation, which ends in November.

"Somewhere along the line more money is needed to come into the system," he said. "Whether it is property, investing in insurance at an earlier point, a lump sum with retirement or from the estate when they die. If people want the same standards it's going to have to come from their income or assets such as their house."

Responding to figures which show KCC pays out a maximum of £342 a week for residential home fees, compared with Greenwich's £1,120, director for strategic

business support Caroline Highwood said: "Residential and nursing care are means-tested and this is done according to Government guidance. There will always be differences in the contributions made by councils because the cost of care can vary, the ability of the individual to pay can vary, and the level of care required can vary."

"KCC looks for ways to support providers in non-financial ways that will help bring costs down, such as the contract we have with South Kent College to provide subsidised training."

"No-one who is assessed as having a residential or nursing care need will miss out because the arrangements mean that where financial support is needed it is provided."



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Teenager beaten by racist thugs

POLICE are appealing for information after a 17-year-old Asian youth was beaten unconscious by a gang of racist thugs.

The unprovoked attack happened in Crayford Road, Crayford, at about 5.40pm last Sunday.

Police say the victim, who remains in a stable condition in hospital, was sitting on a bench before being kicked and punched by the group of white teenagers.

Det Sgt Gary Wingrove said: "This was a horrific and sustained attack on a young lad in a busy area in daylight. There must have been many witnesses."

Anyone with information is urged to contact Bexley police on 020 8284 9131, or the confidential Crimestoppers line on 0800 555111.

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PEOPLE with pride in the county's towns and villages who are willing to share their enthusiasm and welcome visitors are being invited to find out about a new volunteer Kent Greeters network.

Visit Kent is holding a public meeting on Wednesday, from 6.30pm, at the Camden Centre, Royal Victoria Place,

Tunbridge Wells, to talk about the network and explain how the scheme works.

The countywide network is being established by Visit Kent, and its head Fran Warrington said: "A meeting with a Greeter is the fast-track to a great holiday or short break in Kent." If you would like to attend, call Visit Kent on 01622 696936.

Royal approval for the



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RECENT times have brought little comfort for those who farm the land and protect and preserve rural life.

Everyone knows that many farmers are facing a battle for survival, but the 80th annual Kent County Show reinforced their stubborn spirit to fight on.

As tens of thousands flocked to the Detling showground to see one of the finest displays of cattle, sheep, pigs, goats and fruit, it once again confirmed that Kent's stockmen and women and growers still produce the best in the nation.

That so many were able to forget the depression in their industry and promote the best of British proved to be a brilliant public relations exercise.

And their efforts brought Royal approval when the Earl and Countess of Wessex, she being a true Maid of Kent, attended the opening day on Friday as VIP guests.

Armed with umbrellas, they met many of the farmers who form the backbone of the annual three-day event and presented long-service awards to four veterans of the land.

They were Hazel Spicer, 79, with 52 years' service with David Mure at Egerton; Adrian Smith, 49, who has worked for 31 years on Loddington Farm, Linton; John Roberts, 65, who has served on Romney Marsh for 30 years with Violet Link; and Gill Applin, 67, with 25 years' service on Jessel Farms around Ashford.

In particular, organisers were keen for the Royal pair to see the largest Young Farmers club display in Europe, with more than 400 youngsters showing their stock with pride and providing a solid base for the future, and the Why Kent Farming Matters display area.

Despite violent showers and overcast skies the show got off to a roaring start with almost 3,000 livestock entries providing a positive effort to look to the future rather than dwelling on the past.

True, many urban residents were attracted by the fairground rides, spectacular arena events and stalls packed into the 'petticoat' lanes, but those from the land regarded it as a challenge to educate all to buy local.

Many left convinced our farmers produce the best quality foods using the most welfare



PRODUCING SUCCESS: Chairman George Jessell, bottom right, was pleased with the excellent show, which included a fantastic variety of farm animals, food, machinery and other entertainment and was visited by the Earl and Countess of Wessex, opposite



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With more than 400 trade stands and 100 plus displays there is sure to be something for everyone, including a variety of farmyard animals available for close-up inspection throughout the day, and a full programme of countryside craft demonstrations.

Entry to the showground is off the A259 at Detling Hill and car parking is free.

friendly standards in the world, and that supporting them is the key to the preservation of the countryside for all.

Show chairman George Jessel was beaming from the moment he arrived shortly after dawn on the vast showground: "It is a cracking show with a brilliant display of livestock of the highest standards and another wonderful effort from our Young Farmers.

"Kent has a long tradition of farming and food production and it was a pleasure to ensure the Royal couple saw the many

wonderful products and services Kent offers."

He is the public face of the show but it was the almost anonymous figure of a dapperly dressed man with dulcet tones who probably played the most important part in convincing those not familiar with rural life.

Ashford-based auctioneer Mark Cleverdon from Wittersham, has spent more than 20 years running between competition rings as the voice of livestock.

With non-stop commentary he brings expert information on the most modern and

ancient breeds of British and Continental stock on show.

Aware that some still think meat is produced in a factory for the supermarket freezers and have little idea where milk comes from, he constantly promoted the agricultural industry in understandable terms for 'townies' in the vast crowds at the daily grand parade of champions.

His powerful messages about the top quality meat, milk and dairy produce play an important part in convincing the public

they can play a major role in the survival of Kent farming.

Douglas Wanstall from Bank Farm, Aldington, was another promoting the cause.

With a magnificent display of Kentish fruit and veg, meat and dairy products, the director of Food for Kent was one of the star attractions on the KOS Media stand.

He said: "Working with KOS Media we are promoting and getting the message across that Kent has the very best and freshest food on offer."

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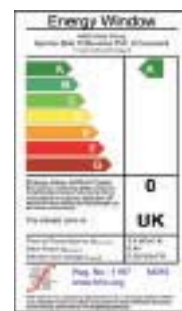
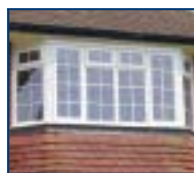
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Justice catches up with boy's abuser

A PAEDOPHILE has been jailed for sexually abusing a boy he befriended while fishing almost 20 years ago.

Peter Willis, 58, of Churchfield Way, Wye, near Ashford, was sentenced to three years for the abuse, which began in 1981 but was first reported to police in 2007. His victim was 13 at the time. Det Insp Mark Buck said: "This man is dangerous and continues to pose a serious risk to children. He preyed on his victim while fishing at Bonnington in the early 1980s. I would like to thank those who recognised Willis's e-fit and supplied us with his name."

Willis was charged with four counts of sexual assault on a child under the age of 14.



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Liz Hollands, from Tonbridge, flew a P51 Mustang from the Imperial War Museum's Duxford airbase.

The flight of a lifetime was organised by BBC Radio 2 after the 52-year-old called DJ Chris Evans' show.

"It was fantastic, just unbelievable," she said. "I fly light aircraft, but this just had so much power."

Mrs Hollands, pictured with the P51, rang the show when Evans asked female listeners what their one indulgence would be if money was no object.

"I told the show I would go for a flight in a Mustang," she said. "They seemed intrigued and came back saying they were going to do a show featuring a Mustang and would I be up for taking part."

The team arranged for her to fly in a rare twin-seater P51 Mustang. She said: "We shot from the ground up to 20,000ft at a rate of knots, almost vertically."

"Then I took the controls and did rolls and a bit of aerobatics. I was up for about 20 minutes."

Mrs Hollands said flying a P51 appealed because of the World War Two aircraft's "looks and power".

'End shameful exploitation of crews in British waters'

A LONG-running campaign to bring an end to the "exploitation" of foreign ship and ferry workers could be about to get serious, **writes Steve Knight.**

For more than a decade Dover and Deal MP Gwyn Prosser has fought for changes to the Race Relations Act that allows non-UK seafarers to be paid as little as £1.50 per hour.

He also wants them to be recognised by national minimum wage arrangements, from which they are exempt.

The former Merchant Navy chief engineer recently took the

matter to shipping minister and Gillingham and Rainham MP Paul Clark, telling him a high-profile campaign involving trade unions will be forthcoming unless progress is made soon.

He said: "I was at sea myself for 20 years and during that time seafarers were treated as second-class citizens. Due to a loophole in the Race Relations Act and the fact they are exempt from the minimum wage, huge exploitation takes place."

"We understand the difficulties in applying changes worldwide because different countries have their own laws, but we expect the minimum wage to apply to territorial waters."

Last month Mr Prosser tabled

an Early Day Motion calling on MPs to support his campaign, which has so far received about 50 signatures. The National Union of Rail, Maritime and Transport Workers (RMT) is one of the trade unions involved in the fight.

General secretary Bob Crow said: "MPs have an opportunity to end the shameful exploitation of seafarers in UK waters by ship-owners who pay at rates they wouldn't get away with on land."

"The amendment tabled by Mr Prosser would bring ship-owners whose vessels ply between UK ports and the our offshore sector into line with the law that every other employer has to observe."

There are four main ferry companies operating from Kent – P&O, SeaFrance, LD Lines and Norfolkline – none of which are fault says Mr Prosser.

However, there are fears reputable companies may be forced to join in the exploitation unless reforms are made soon.

Mr Prosser said: "Ship-owners working off the Kent coast have

been more responsible. It's mostly companies in the north that are at fault."

"Our worry is that the more companies may be tempted to pay foreign workers less because they see others have an unfair advantage."

A spokesman for P&O Ferries said its workers were paid varying amounts, depending on which country they came from.

He said: "The pay scales are appropriate to the country where people are resident and agreements with the International Transport Federation allows for this. It would be too costly to move everyone under the umbrella of UK wage legislation, regardless of where they are resident."

LD Lines did not wish to comment, while no-one was available at Norfolkline.

A SeaFrance official said: "SeaFrance is under the French flag and therefore respects the French law. No employee is paid beneath the French minimum wage."

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NAYLAND ROCK:
Shelter in Margate

The seafront 'shrine' that nursed a poetry genius back to health

LEADING lights from the literary world have united to save a Margate seafront shelter that paved the road to recovery for TS Eliot and gave the poet time to finish his greatest work, **writes Chris Murphy.**

He wrote part of *The Waste Land* while sitting in the shelter, admiring the views and taking in the rejuvenating sea air.

Now the likes of playwright Alan Bennett, former poet laureate Sir Andrew Motion and the late poet's wife, Valerie Eliot, have written to support an application to English Heritage to make the Nayland Rock shelter a Grade-II listed building.

The poet, who died in 1965, had spent much of his time sitting in the shelter, built in 1911, while he recovered from a nervous breakdown in 1921.

Campaigners claim English Heritage can be notoriously slow in coming to a decision on whether to apply for listed building status.

Nick Dermott, a heritage adviser to Thanet council, said: "Eliot sketched, played the mandolin, thought about poetry and eventually came to write some of the lines which appear in the poem at the shelter."

"He came to Margate a depressed and angry man and went away happy with a completed poem. It just shows what Margate can do. The more people who back the campaign the quicker English Heritage will consider it."

"Eliot and his first wife were hypochondriacs. They lacked money and were always ill. He worked for Lloyds Bank in the City and wrote poetry in the evenings."

"He had a nervous breakdown and Lloyds paid for him come to Margate for six weeks to recuperate. He had been working on this poem for two years and could never quite get it all together. But suddenly in Margate, it all fell into place."

The *Waste Land* includes the lines:

*On Margate Sands
I can connect
Nothing with nothing.
The broken fingernails of dirty hands
My people humble people who expect
Nothing.*

Sir Andrew described the shelter as "a shrine to modern poetry".

He wrote: "The *Waste Land* is one of the most important poems of the 20th century, and the survival of the shelter in which TS Eliot wrote part of it is a minor miracle."

"The chance that this survival could be prolonged by making the shelter a listed building is not to be missed. To anyone who cares about poetry, the shelter is a shrine, a temple, a monument to a great genius."

And Mr Bennett said the building should be listed in its own right, and the fact TS Eliot wrote there is simply an additional reason to preserve it.

He wrote: "I'm happy to support the listing of the shelter simply on the grounds that it is a delightful building. If it has connections with TS Eliot so much the better."

And Eliot's second wife Valerie wrote: "My late husband spent a period of recuperation in Margate ... and spent much of his days in the shelter where he composed part of *The Waste Land*."

A spokesman for English Heritage said: "In the next few weeks our advice will be going to the Government for consideration. Our advice at this stage is confidential."



RECOVERY:
Eliot in 1903

Hospital wards make the grade

HOSPITALS and inpatient wards in Kent scored well in the latest assessment of cleanliness, food and privacy.

Most sites examined by the patient environment action team received at least one excellent rating, with few being marked below good in any of the three categories.

However, one location, Ogden House mental health unit in Ramsgate, was rated 'unacceptable' for its food.

The inpatient ward, which is under the remit of the Kent and Medway NHS and Social Care Partnership Trust, was one of only 17 of 1,265 sites assessed nationally that scored either poor or unacceptable in at least one category.

A total of 219 - none in Kent - were rated 'excellent' in all three.

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FRESH claims that an airport could be built in the Thames Estuary within 10 years have again been written off by Kent County Council leader Paul Carter.

According to reports, engineering expert Douglas Oakervee – who masterminded Hong Kong's international airport island in the 1990s – believes London Mayor Boris Johnson's idea for a similar project off the coast of the Isle of Sheppey should not be overlooked.

Cllr Carter has strongly opposed his fellow Tory's plans since they were announced last September, and this week he told Kent on Sunday his view had not changed.

Unsuitable

He said: "If you ask a consultant whether a project is feasible, the answer is inevitably yes. But just because it may be technically feasible doesn't mean it is in the public interest or a good use of public resources.

"The estuary is clearly unsuitable for an airport, not least because of the devastation it would cause to wildlife, the high risk of bird strike, the varying climatic conditions, high winds and fog."

Mr Johnson's proposals for an offshore airport call for two estuary terminals that would be served by road and rail links, eliminating the need for a third runway at Heathrow.

The larger terminal, in Kent, would be connected to Crossrail and the high-speed Channel Tunnel rail link (CTRL), taking passengers to London in about 35 minutes. The rail connections to Europe would cut out the need for many short-haul flights.

However, Cllr Carter believes the scheme is a non-starter. He said: "The estimated £40

Boris puts estuary airport on political agenda once again



HUNCH: London Mayor Boris Johnson

billion cost clearly rules it out as a feasible option at a time when this country's finances are in a perilous state.

"By far the more cost-effective and environmentally friendly option is to make better use of existing airport capacity such as Kent International at Manston, which could far more cheaply and easily be connected to

CTRL domestic services, if not the High Speed 1 link itself."

Mr Oakervee discussed his initial findings with a panel of experts at the Institution of Civil Engineers on Wednesday and will submit his research to Mr Johnson in three weeks' time.

According to the Sunday Times, engineers believe it would be a "piece of cake" to build an airport in the Thames Estuary and that potential problems created by the 200,000 migrating birds that live there can be overcome. But despite the views of experts, Mr Johnson will have a hard time convincing politicians from all parties his idea is feasible.

He told the newspaper: "The big advantage (of a Thames Estuary airport) is that you don't have to fly over a central conurbation to get there.

"Dave (Tory leader David Cameron) and Theresa (Villiers, shadow transport secretary) are right to ask about the capacity issue – do we need a new airport, can we cope with it all by high-speed rail?"

"My long-term hunch, looking at the graph of aviation use over the last 50 years, is that we are going to need much more capacity. I hope to persuade my colleagues."

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Asylum seeker sews eyes and lips in protest

AN IRANIAN asylum seeker who was detained in Kent has sewn his lips and eyes together in protest over indefinite detention.

Fariat Mohammadi, pictured right, fled his homeland after questioning the repressive regime of supreme leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei and the president Mahmoud Ahmadinejad.



He was detained at Dover's immigration removal centre when he arrived in the UK 11 months ago.

He said: "Why are they imprisoning me here for so long? I fought against injustice in Iran and had to leave because they tried to arrest me. I came to the UK and they have locked me up without rights. It's inhumane. I have been forced to take this drastic action."

Mr Mohammadi, 28, was moved to Colnbrook detention centre, near Heathrow, after he sewed up his mouth and eyes for the first time earlier this year while at Dover. He repeated his drastic action more than a week ago. Delia Hazrati, a volunteer with campaign group Kent Refugee Help, said: "This protest shows how desperate he is to draw attention to his plight."

Mr Mohammadi worked for an opposition party in Iran and was forced to flee to Iraq after a friend was arrested. He was threatened again and fled to the UK.

Dashty Jamal, from the International Federation of Iraqi Refugees, said: "Fariat is a victim of Home Office policy. The Government tells us it supports the struggle for human rights and yet it represses people who come here to flee persecution."

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Police delight at drop in offences

CRIME in Kent is down by more than 10,000 offences in a year, according to new figures released by the Home Office.

The statistics show the county's officers are getting to grips with burglary, antisocial behaviour, criminal damage, robbery and vehicle theft – numbers for which are all down from this time last year.

However, figures for drug offences and others involving firearms, kidnapping, hijacking and child pornography are all on the rise.

Assistant Chief Constable Andy Adams said the increases were largely due to officers being proactive.

He said: "It's inevitable some offences will go up, especially when we focus on a specific area and go looking for offenders."

"For instance, a big operation in Maidstone, where 200 charges were brought against 30 people, can account for nearly half the drug trafficking offences increase. But we are finding these people and bringing them to justice."

By **STEVE KNIGHT**

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The number of drug offences went up by 439 (12.5 per cent) between April, 2008 and March, 2009, with an extra 10 firearms offences (12.2 per cent) and a further 42 obscene publication crimes, including child pornography.

Violent disorder also went up from 18 recorded offences to 37.

Improvements

Crime in Kent fell overall by 10,220 offences (7.8 per cent), including 471 fewer burglaries, 136 fewer robberies and 640 fewer vehicle thefts. There was also a big reduction in the number of reported antisocial behaviour incidents, from 88,264 down to 75,554.

Mr Adams said: "We are pleased with the figures and they represent good news for Kent. Crimes such as burglary, vehicle theft and robbery affect people directly and are extremely important to us."

"We're particularly happy with

the antisocial behaviour figures because that's one of the things people are most concerned about."

"It's partly down to good old-fashioned police work, but it's not only about us because we've also worked hard with partner organisations to bring about these reductions."

The latest figures for public confidence in the police were published by the Home Office in March.

Kent Police had a rating of 44.2 per cent based on interviews with 938 citizens – ranking the force 27th out of 42 in England and Wales. The average is 46 per cent, although the Government has set a target of 60 per cent by 2012.

Mr Adams said the Kent force planned to be in the top 10 for public confidence by that time.

"We are held to account for our performance and the Kent Police Authority wants us to be one of the best in the country," he said.

"That's one of the reasons these figures are so important, because they show we are focused on the right areas and help us understand what we need to do to improve."



FAIR COP: Senior Kent officers have voiced their pleasure at the latest crime figures from the Home Office

Force backs gypsy recruitment plan

GYPSIES and travellers are being recruited by Kent Police to ensure the force best represents the community it serves.

Officers believe giving jobs to people from minority groups will help smooth what is often a rocky relationship between the two sides.

However, some are concerned 'tick-box' targets could lower standards if vacancies are given to gypsies and travellers rather than the best candidates.

Earlier this year a report by the Association of Police Authorities (APA) suggested all forces should seek to recruit from under-represented groups.

Assistant Chief Constable Allyn Thomas said: "We welcome applicants from all ethnic backgrounds. We have a gypsy and traveller action group which advises us and provides support in recruitment and personnel."

"Recruiting from ethnic groups enhances the legitimacy of policing in those communities."

The idea has been backed by campaigners for travellers' equality, including the Canterbury Gypsy Support Group. Vice-chairman Joe Jones said it was important his

people were given the same opportunities as others, but admitted he didn't think there'd be a rush to sign up.

He said: "Gypsies and travellers are far from being policed in the real sense. The only time we meet is when our camps are raided or we're being moved on."

"We are the most misunderstood group in Britain, but the police looking to recruit us shows we have finally arrived in society. There are issues that need to be overcome before gypsies and travellers start to go for jobs in the force, but it's something we'd like to see more of."

Standards

The recommendation to recruit more gypsies and travellers has been ridiculed by the Taxpayers' Alliance and the Campaign Against Political Correctness, who fear standards could drop.

But Kent Police Federation chairman Ian Pointon said all potential recruits have to pass the same entry exams. He said: "As long as they make the grade I can see no reason why we shouldn't seek to recruit more gypsies and travellers. It could help break down barriers."

CCTV in custody suites

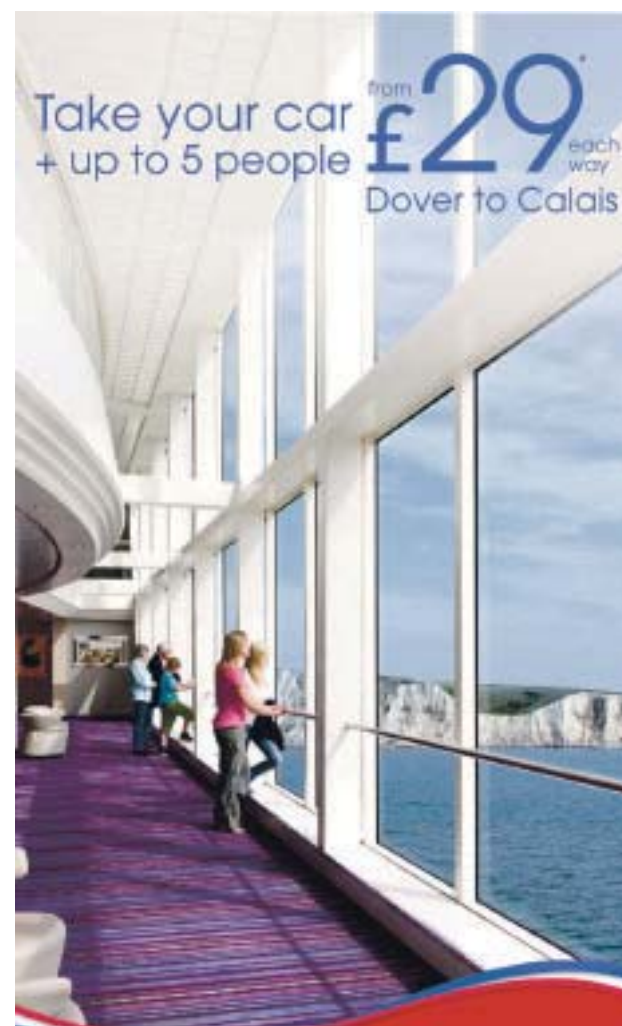
A NEW hi-tech CCTV system has been installed in custody areas by Kent Police.

The system provides real-time video and audio recordings in key areas and video-only coverage in other suites.

It was designed by Visimetrix and can save the recordings to computer servers. The company says that allows authorised force-wide access to any of the 230

cameras from any location on the network. Its ability to create DVDs of video with lip-synch audio will reduce demands on the imaging department to convert video to a form accepted by courts. A spokesman said: "The quality is exceptional. CCTV recording in custody suites will enhance security."

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Collective effort needed for county to go green

By **JENNA PUDELEK**

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CALLS are growing for a universal kerbside recycling scheme to be provided across the county.

At the moment provision is patchy, with each of the 12 district and borough councils and Medway's unitary authority offering a different service.

Kent County Council has said that current provision "could be better" and is asking residents for their views about a countywide doorstep recycling scheme.

Steve Dawe, spokesman for the Green Party in Kent, said: "It remains a major problem to get councils to collect glass and plastics. They talk about it not being economical, but if it was done on a larger scale it would justify the cost."

"If it was shared between councils, not only would this increase the percentage of recycling to a higher level for households and businesses, there would be more jobs in these areas. If every local council did the same then it would generate 50,000 more jobs across the county."

Rubbish that is not recycled is dumped in landfill sites, except in Ashford, Maidstone, Sevenoaks, Swale, Tonbridge and Tunbridge Wells, where it is taken to the Energy From

Waste Plant at Allington. There it is burnt to produce power for the national grid.

Kent on Sunday asked each local authority in the county responsible for kerbside recycling collections to provide details about their services. Most of the councils collected a good variety of paper and cardboard waste from householders' doorsteps.

However, Ashford Borough Council does not take shredded paper, envelopes with windows, and coloured shiny leaflets because they can't be turned into newsprint when they are taken to Aylesford Newsprint, near Maidstone.

High cost

Ashford residents also do not get their plastics picked up at the kerbside due to expense, although the council does collect glass.

Several councils provide 'co-mingled' schemes where all recyclables are put in the same bin or bag.

Residents do not have to sort their recycling, but critics of the scheme say more energy is used than in pre-sorted schemes because of the machines used to separate the waste.

There are also concerns that paper collected in the same container as plastic bottles and metal cans is contaminated by food and liquid waste - making it unusable for recycling.

A spokesman for Canterbury City Council said: "The benefit of our clear sack system is



TEAM WORK: The Green Party has called for councils to work together to make recycling more economical and therefore reduce the amount of waste that ends up in landfill

that we can spot contamination as we collect the sacks. We are aware of the problems of contamination, but we have provided our residents with a lot of information about what can and cannot be recycled and we have very few issues with this problem."

He said 86 per cent of households in the district were now recycling their waste.

A spokesman for Sevenoaks District Council said in some areas participation in the recycling scheme was as high as 93 to 100 per cent. "Some 24 tonnes of recycling sacks from the council were recently audited to determine the breakdown of materials in them," he said.

"The audit found that less than half of one per cent (0.375 per cent) of the contents were materials that could not be recycled."

Dover District Council provides a 'sorted' scheme with different boxes for different waste.

A spokesman said: "Collecting the paper and cardboard separate from plastics, glass and cans enables the collection of clean paper and cardboard that can be sold easily. This helps to subsidise the cost of the collection scheme on offer to residents."

Most of the councils have decided recycling more plastics other than bottles was not commercially viable, and most charge for the collection of garden waste.

Tunbridge Wells Borough Council launched a kerbside service to collect plastic bottles on July 3. A spokeswoman said: "Plastic bottles are a good clean material that are more readily marketed in the UK for recycling. If we collect mixed plastics the markets are not so

readily available. There are much higher sorting and cleansing costs, often resulting in a product for which there are limited markets."

Residents recycled 47 per cent of their waste last year, she said.

In Tonbridge and Malling residents recycled and composted 46 per cent of waste collected. The borough council does not pick up any plastics to be recycled.

Contamination

John Batty, the council's director of health and housing, said: "In order to ensure high quality recycling we do not intend to collect mixed recycling at the kerbside as this would reduce the quality, and associated income, of all material collected for recycling and may lead to a higher rate of contamination."

"Where a load is contaminated it, or part of it, can be rejected for processing which means even suitable material may not be recycled."

Cllr Nick Chard, KCC's cabinet member for the environment and waste, said: "We have got to look at how we can improve recycling and get really good value for money. There are issues about waste from collect to disposal."

He said local authorities and residents needed to work together to find the best scheme for taxpayers: "Potentially a lot of saving could be made on the total cost of waste if we were more joined up between districts and county... we can make improvements and we should make improvements."

"It is a good service at the moment but it could be better."

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- Type: Co-mingled (fortnightly)
- Contractor: SITA

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- Type: Co-mingled (fortnightly)
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- Recycles: Paper, card, cans, plastic bottles, mixed glass (bottles and jars)
- Doesn't recycle: All other types of plastics, compostable waste
- Type: Co-mingled and separate box for glass (fortnightly)
- Contractor: Enterprise MRS Ltd

DOVER DISTRICT

- Recycles: Paper and cardboard, plastic bottles, tin cans, glass bottles and jars, garden waste
- Doesn't recycle: All other types of plastics, food waste
- Type: Sorted (fortnightly)
- Contractor: SITA

GRAVESHAM BOROUGH

- Recycles: Paper, card, tins, cans and plastic bottles
- Doesn't recycle: All other types of plastics, glass, compostable waste
- Type: Co-mingled (weekly)
- Contractor: In-house

MAIDSTONE BOROUGH

- Recycles: Paper, card, cans, plastics (bottles, margarine tubs, yoghurt pots, ice-cream tubs), garden waste
- Doesn't recycle: All other types of plastics, glass, food waste
- Type: Co-mingled and separate bin for garden waste (fortnightly)
- Contractor: SITA

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foil, plastic bottles, empty aerosols

- Doesn't recycle: All other types of plastics, cartons, tetrapacks, polystyrene, compostable waste
- Type: Co-mingled (fortnightly)
- Contractor: Veolia

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- Recycles: Cans, metal jar lids, tins, foil, all aluminium packaging, all paper, all cardboard, all plastic bottles and thin carrier bags. Garden waste and recyclable white goods (fridges, etc)
- Doesn't recycle: Other types of plastics, glass, food waste
- Type: Co-mingled (weekly). Garden waste in wheelie bin £41 annually or 12 sacks for £5.50 (fortnightly). White goods approx £11.50 per appliance
- Contractor: In-house

SHEPWAY DISTRICT:

- Recycles: Paper and card, plastic bottles, glass, tins and cans
- Doesn't recycle: All other types of plastics, compostable waste
- Type: Separated (weekly)
- Contractor: Veolia

SWALE BOROUGH:

- Recycles: All paper, all cardboard, plastic bottles, cans, tins, metal jar lids, foil, microwave meal containers, empty aerosols, glass
- Doesn't recycle: All other types of plastics, broken glass, compostable waste
- Type: Co-mingled (fortnightly)
- Contractor: Verdant

THANET DISTRICT:

- Recycles: Green waste, plastic bottles, foil and cans (in some areas), paper and card
- Doesn't recycle: Glass, all other types of plastics, food waste, food and drink cartons
- Type: Co-mingled, separate bin for green waste (fortnightly)
- Contractor: In-house

TONBRIDGE & MALLING BOROUGH:

- Recycles: Compostable waste, all cardboard, greeting cards (but not with metal, glitter or plastic), all paper, tins, cans, empty aerosol cans, foil
- Doesn't recycle: Any plastics, glass,
- Type: Co-mingled, separate green bin for compostable waste (fortnightly)
- Contractor: Veolia

TUNBRIDGE WELLS BOROUGH:

- Recycles: Plastic bottles, cans, all paper and card, compostable waste
- Doesn't recycle: All other plastics, tins, glass
- Type: Separated (fortnightly)
- Contractor: Cory Environmental

International draw of Scout Jamboree

SCOUTS from across the world will soon travel to Sevenoaks to take part in the fifth Kent International Jamboree.

The event, which has taken more than two years to prepare, will see children of all ages come together to enjoy more than 40 activities, ranging from sailing and wall-climbing to gaming and Laser Quest.

Bookings have now closed for the week-long celebration, which takes place at the Shaws Campsite in Cudham, Sevenoaks, from Thursday, July 30.

Camp chief Dean Harding said: "With more than 2,000 members on site from both Scout and Guide organisations, we are running our largest jamboree yet."

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walks of life with a sprinkling of Scouts from all over the world.

"The management team have been working hard on this event for well over two years and will do all they can to make KIJ09 something people will not forget."

Meanwhile, 17 Kent Scouts and seven adult leaders will be unable to attend the jamboree as they will be in the middle of a cultural expedition to South Africa.

As well as spreading the Scouts' message to South Africans and taking part in a number of fun activities, the youngsters will also be helping with several conservation projects.

The trip was arranged at short notice after a previously-arranged expedition to the Republic of the Congo was cancelled due to civil unrest over the recent presidential elections.

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Medals for homecoming heroes

TWO young soldiers have received medals for their service in Iraq and Afghanistan, writes Jenna Pudelek.

Privates Andres Neil, from Tunbridge Wells, and Alex Chapman, from Canterbury, from the First Battalion The Princess of Wales's Royal Regiment have been honoured as part of a homecoming parade on Friday.

Pte Chapman, 21, who has been with the regiment for 18 months, recently returned from a six-month tour of Afghanistan.

Over the past two weeks, the death toll among British soldiers killed in Helmand Province has soared. The troops are involved in a major offensive against the Taliban ahead of Afghan elections next month.

"Knowing I've just come back and there are still guys out there in danger makes me feel

pretty restless," said Pte Chapman. "You are here and they are there and you feel you should be back there helping. Everyone who dies is one of the family, hearing another has fallen is not good. It does annoy you and there are lots of different, mixed emotions."

He said the situation was getting difficult for the British soldiers with the Taliban making improvised explosive devices (IEDs) out of plastic containers so they cannot be detected by the Army's equipment.

"My biggest incident was when I was dismounted out of the Warrior [tracked armoured vehicle] and I had to go to the front of the convoy," Pte Chapman said. "I had the equipment to detect IEDs. I was with another private and our lance corporal and an IED was detected and it went off."

"My lance corporal had shrapnel from his cheek all up his back and he had to be air-lifted back to Camp Bastion [the main British military base]. He's now back in action."

Pte Chapman was awarded his Operation Herrick medal for services in Afghanistan at the homecoming parade in Tunbridge Wells by the town's mayor Cllr Leonard Price.

He said he was looking forward to seeing his family and friends in Canterbury during



AFGHAN ACTION:
Pte Alex Chapman

a five-week period of rest before he is sent back to Afghanistan for his next tour.

Pte Neil, 22, was presented with an Operation Telic medal for service in Iraq at the parade. He has been with the regiment for 10 months.

• Victoria Cross recipient Colonel John Duncan Grant has been honoured with a commemorative plaque and tree.

The 10th Gurkha Rifles soldier from Tunbridge Wells was commemorated at the Kent and Sussex Crematorium at a service led by the mayor Cllr Leonard Price last Tuesday. Col Grant, who was born in 1877, was awarded the highest military honour for valour by King Edward VII in 1905 for his actions during the storming of the Gyantse Jong in Tibet the previous year.



KILLED: Capt Ben Babington-Browne is among the Kent victims of the conflict

Government's Afghanistan policy a 'disaster' that's letting down troops

AN INFLUENTIAL Tory MP has blasted the Government for wasting young soldiers' lives in Afghanistan.

Speaking to Kent on Sunday in a month that has already witnessed 16 UK deaths in the war-torn country, Gravesham representative Adam Holloway said the handling of the conflict had so far been "an absolute disaster".

The former Grenadier Guard – who is now a member of the all-party defence committee in the House of Commons – visited Afghanistan at his own expense three years ago and feels things have improved little since then: "The recent deaths are a reminder that the way in which this war has been conducted by the Government is an absolute disaster. There are two battles going on – one against the Taliban and one to win over the ordinary people in Helmand – but the second appears to be failing."

"When I went over there I walked around

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and asked people if they would support foreign troops, and to my surprise they were very keen as long as security and reconstruction came with it. That hasn't happened because the soldiers have been let down by the UK Government, and in terms of rebuilding the country I'm sure a lot more of it has actually been demolished."

Deaths

July has been one of the bloodiest months since the conflict in Afghanistan began back in 2001, with 16 British soldiers – including 27-year-old Captain Ben Babington-Browne from Maidstone – killed so far.

Following another visit to the country last summer, Mr Holloway told KoS the key to successfully ending the conflict was to make deals with "reconcilable" Taliban leaders.

However, he says the Government has launched no such initiative and was putting more soldiers' lives at risk as a result.

He added: "If we are going to carry on as we are then it's absolutely time we pulled out of Afghanistan. The troops will carry on doing the job – and doing it magnificently well – but the Government must stop letting these kids down. We need to get our act together and start providing local political agreements."

The recent deaths in Afghanistan have again raised questions about equipment for UK troops, notably a shortage of helicopters in Helmand that critics say has left British soldiers more vulnerable to roadside bombs.

While agreeing the lack of helicopters was a problem, Mr Holloway said he felt the Government was happy to receive such criticism: "I think it suits the Government quite well because it takes attention away from the big issue, which is that the comprehensive approach to Afghanistan has been a comprehensive failure."

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Lorry driver in docks heroin smuggling case

HEROIN worth £5.4 million has been seized at Dover docks.

It's the second substantial quantity of Class A drug found at the port in a matter of days.

A man from North Wales is due before Folkestone magistrates after the UK Border Agency seized approximately 120 kilos of heroin worth about £5.4m and about six kilos of amphetamine sulphate worth approximately £60,000 at Dover's Eastern Docks.

A lorry was stopped in the freight controls after it had disembarked a ferry.

During a search of the vehicle carrying "mixed general cargo", UKBA officers discov-

ered a large number of brown-taped packages hidden within the structure of the trailer. The contents of some of the packages tested positive for heroin.

Following the detection, the case was passed to HM Revenue and Customs investigation officers to continue inquiries. The driver, David Lewis, 47, of Nant Mawr Crescent, Buckley, North Wales, was interviewed and charged with smuggling.

On Tuesday, 10 kilos of cocaine worth £400,000 was seized at Dover, and an Essex man was remanded in custody by Dover magistrates.



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Lorry driver's near miss in ball attack

A LORRY driver escaped unscathed after a golf ball was thrown through his windscreen.

The incident happened outside the Sportsman pub in Sandwich Road, Cliffs End, Ramsgate, at around 12.15pm on Monday, July 6.

The ball was thrown by a person in a black or blue car, believed to be a Peugeot 306. There were other vehicles travelling behind the lorry and police are keen to hear from anyone who witnessed the incident.

Footage from cameras covering the area are now being retrieved. Anyone with information can call police on 01303 231055.

Beneficial evening

A SPECIAL Canterbury Festival dinner is being held as part of the benefit year for Kent bowler Martin Saggars.

The event on Saturday, August 8, promises a fun-filled evening of entertainment hosted by Bob 'the Cat' Bevan MBE and BBC Radio Kent presenter John Warnett.

The dinner is at the St Lawrence Ground in Canterbury, and for more information contact Laura Collins on 01892 750131.

Tickets cost £40, or £30 if you are a full member of Kent County Cricket Club.

Sex assault charge

A 15-year-old boy has been charged with two counts of sexual assault.

The charges follow an incident at Maidstone Leisure Centre on May 3.

The teenager, who cannot be named, has been bailed pending a hearing at Maidstone Youth Court on July 20.

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Former teacher jailed for raping six-year-old girl



ABUSER: Richard Atkins

A FORMER teacher from Kent has been jailed for raping a schoolgirl and a string of other sexual offences committed in the 1970s.

Richard Atkins, who taught at Ridgeway School in Tunbridge Wells, which has since shut down, between 1977 and 1987, was given a seven-year prison sentence at Birmingham Crown Court on Wednesday.

He first attacked his victim, who cannot be named for legal reasons, when she was aged six. He has also pleaded guilty to eight assaults and

one charge of indecent assault as well as one of rape.

The girl, who was not a pupil at any of the schools where Atkins taught, waited until she was 19 before telling her mother about her ordeal.

Torment

Atkins, 58, who is originally from Coventry, fled to Ireland after being "confronted with the truth", West Midlands Police said.

The father-of-three, whose wife knew nothing about his past, also

taught at Sandon School in Chelmsford, Essex, in 1993 and The Tile Hill Wood School in Coventry between 1974 and 1977.

He returned to the UK just before Christmas last year and was arrested at the airport. Police said he admitted the rape and string of sex offences.

West Midlands' Det Chief Insp Bas Javid said: "The evidence that built up against Atkins was compelling and we were ready to extradite him when he suddenly returned."

"Whether he wanted to wipe the

slate clean we don't know, but it is certain that this man inflicted a great deal of torment on his victim over a sustained spell."

Police believe Atkins may have also done out-of-hours tutoring work for youngsters during his career.

DCI Javid added: "People like Atkins in a position of authority are rarely complained against as the vulnerable victims feel no-one will believe their word against the offender."

"We investigated this to the extent Atkins felt the game was up."

Dragons' Guy is a star sculptor

A SCULPTOR who won praise and cash backing from television's fear-some Dragons' Den panel used the £80,000 to stage a major art show.

Guy Portelli came up with a new collection called Heart Throb: The Golden Age of the Pop Icon.

It helped raise £8,000 for the Children's Trust when the 18 pieces went on display at the Mall Galleries, London, in front of an admiring crowd of more than 150.

By **CHRIS MURPHY**
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A sculpture in tribute to Michael Jackson was featured, along with exhibits of some of the most prolific musical artists of our time, from Frank Sinatra to Amy Winehouse.

There are also works featuring Elton John, Miles Davis, John Lennon, John Lee Hooker, The Who, Sade, Jimi Hendrix, Led Zeppelin, David Bowie, The Sex Pistols, Grace Jones, Bob Marley, Madonna, Bono, The Spice Girls, and Tupac Shakur.

Also on display were captivating images from well known photographers like Terry O'Neill, Albert Watson and Kevin Westenberg.

There was also work from Sgt Pepper artist Sir Peter Blake, John Lennon and Miles Davis.

Brain injury

Mr Portelli, 52, from Tonbridge, said: "It was a wonderful evening and I would like to thank everyone who attended to make it a successful event for the Children's Trust, who I have supported for many years."

His Pop Icons collection gained national acclaim last year, when he appeared on



Picture: ANDY NEWBOLD PHOTOGRAPHY

ARTIST: Guy Portelli (left) supports the Children's Trust; and (right) his Grace Jones sculpture

BBC's Dragons' Den and successfully secured funding to exhibit his work in London.

He has supported the Children's Trust since his son Anthony was cared for at the Trust 20 years ago.

The national charity provides care, education and therapy for children with multiple disabilities and complex health needs, plus rehabilitation services to children with an acquired brain injury.

A spokesman said: "It really was a wonderful evening, and Guy's artwork set the standard."

"It's fair to say the work was very well

received, and many admired the quality and thought behind each item."

South African born Portelli worked as a sculptor in the special effects department at the BBC before setting up his own studio in 1981. He then worked primarily for advertisers.

Berlin

In 2005 he wrote the book Modern British Sculpture which is a major study of modern sculpture developments in the UK.

There are tentative plans to take the exhibition to UK cities like Edinburgh and Manchester, plus possibly as far as Berlin.

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The art of letter writing

By **JENNA PUDELEK**

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THE personal life of a struggling painter who went on to become a renowned Victorian watercolourist is revealed in a new book by his grandson.

Derrick Rowe was clearing out his aunt's house in Tunbridge Wells when he uncovered more than 1,000 letters and postcards written by Ernest Arthur Rowe (1862-1922).

The never-before-seen treasure trove has revealed new and fascinating insights into the artist whose patrons included Queen Mary.

Much of the correspondence found was love letters to Sophy Slater, who went on to become his wife, Mr Rowe said.

EA Rowe suffered from tuberculosis and he met Miss Slater in 1895 while she was working as a nurse in a sanatorium in Davos in the Swiss Alps.

"She stayed there and he went off to Italy and they wrote to each other," Mr Rowe said.

"It was a difficult courtship because he was a penniless artist and did not have good prospects, especially regarding his poor health.

"Her father Ebenezer Salter, a Baptist minister, took a bit of convincing."

But the couple went on to enjoy a long, happy marriage despite his constant 'wandering' to Europe to escape the British winters and around the country during the summer to paint the various gardens that became his speciality.

"Sophy was a lovely looking lady," Mr Rowe said. "She was into poetry and well educated. She could converse with anybody at any level.

"He was quite a handsome young man and

Discovery of private correspondence reveals the personal life of Victorian watercolourist

FAMILY PORTRAIT: Ernest Arthur Rowe with his wife Sophy and their children Mary, Ronald (with Pip their pet dog) and baby Esmond (Derrick's father)



you could see the attraction. Sophy did not have an easy life, he was away a lot.

"He was dedicated to paintings and holding exhibitions. But their relationship was good, in one of the letters he comments about how it is like a honeymoon when he comes home from his travels."

Mr Rowe was clearing his aunt Olwen Rowe's house out because it had to be sold to pay for her care home fees.

She had been married to EA Rowe's eldest son, Ronald, who had filled three rooms in the house with the letters, postcards and even some never-before-seen paintings.

Mr Rowe, 70, said it took him and his wife Pat three years to sort through and read all the documents, putting them into date order at their home in Bearsted near Maidstone.

He said their finds were "a revelation", with detailed letters about his thoughts and emotions. The writings also reveal more mundane details such as his shoe size, height and how often he had his hair cut.

Courtship

"It is quite a lovely story of courtship and marriage," he said. "How he eventually started selling his paintings and by 1904 he was doing well. He changed his style several times and eventually managed to buy a bit of land and have the house he wanted.

"But then World War One broke out and no-one was buying paintings and gardens. Less than a year after the war started he could not afford to stay there and sold the house he had built in Rusthall near Tunbridge Wells."

Although he continued to make a living from his paintings, things never got as good



GARDENS: Top, The Italian Garden, Hever Castle, 1920, was one of a series of watercolour paintings commissioned by Lord Astor; and above, a painting of the Bay of Naples completed in December, 1910

as they had been for the father-of-three.

He died aged 59 in 1922 and his work fell into obscurity.

But around 20 years ago the flamboyant art dealer and author Christopher Wood, who specialised in the Victorian era, featured the artist in his book Painted Gardens: English Watercolours 1850-1914.

Mr Rowe said that his own interest in his talented grandfather came later on in life, although his uncle, Ronald, used to show him his watercolours around his home.

His own father, Esmond, was only 10 when his father died and he was packed off to school by Ronald, who was 11 years older.

• **Ernest Arthur Rowe: The Life and Work of a Victorian Garden Painter** can be ordered from www.ernestarthurrowe.com or send a cheque payable to Derrick Rowe for £30 plus P&P (UK £3) to Derrick Rowe, Dept 1388, Office 6, Slington House, Rankine Road, Basingstoke RG24 8PG.



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Terrorism law used to arrest innocent man whose height scared female community PC

By **CHRIS MURPHY**
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Picture: ALEX TURNER

SNAPPING: The picture taken just before Alex Turner was handcuffed

A PHOTOGRAPHER has been arrested under the Prevention of Terrorism Act for being 'too tall'.

Amateur snapper Alex Turner was in Chatham High Street when he was placed in handcuffs in front of shocked shoppers.

He was carted off to a police van before finally being officially released.

Writing on his blog, Mr Turner explained how the scandal started and how it ended with him submitting an official complaint to the force's Professional Standards Department.

He said: "I went down to Chatham High Street to take some pictures of the flyover being demolished and to use up a film I've had in a camera for over a year.

"Doing so had some unexpected consequences."

In his complaint, he wrote that on July 8, a police officer "placed me under arrest in Chatham High Street.

"The officer stated I was being arrested under section 44 of the Prevention of Terrorism Act 2000 and read me my rights. As I was arrested I was handcuffed. I asked why she had arrested me.

"She stated because I had taken a photograph of her and that she considered this to be an unlawful obstruction.

Intimidated

"After a short time I was led up the High Street and detained in a police van for around 20 minutes.

"The arrest was made immediately after I photographed her whilst voluntarily waiting as she spoke to a colleague on the phone," he wrote.

It started when he was initially stopped by two men in the High Street saying they were from Medway Council. They called in the community officers who eventually arrested him for being a potential terrorist. Mr Turner was searched before being 'de-arrested'. He was in the police van for about 20 minutes before two plain clothes officers arrived.

He said the female officer said she was "intimidated" by Mr Turner's size - he is 5ft 11in and weighs about 12 stone.

Afterwards, he wrote: "She offered a verbal apology and her hand for me to shake. I asked if I was free to go and continue to take pictures in the High Street, she informed me I was. The other PCSO added as long as you don't take any pictures of us."

Assistant Chief Constable Allyn Thomas said: "Our officers are extremely vigilant and their primary concern is always the safety of the public.

"At the time of this incident, a police officer responded to a report concerning a man who was taking photographs of buildings and people in Chatham town centre.

"When challenged by the police officer the man refused to give personal details which it was thought was suspicious."

After Mr Turner complained, Kent Police voluntarily referred the matter to the Independent Police Complaints Commission, which has sent it back the Kent Police for investigation.



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Immigration scam trio jailed

By **STEVE KNIGHT**

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A PRACTICE manager for a firm of solicitors who forged documents to try and allow more than 500 illegal immigrants to live in the UK has been jailed for seven years.

Francis Enahoro, 51, from Gravesend, charged his clients hundreds of pounds in return for the false paperwork and was only caught when he offered the same service to an undercover detective.

He was found guilty of conspiracy to facilitate illegal entrance to remain in the UK, and was jailed at Southwark Crown Court on Tuesday along with two co-defendants who helped run the operation.

Mark Teodorini, senior investigating officer for the Metropolitan Police's economic and specialist crime command, said the sentences were the culmination of a two-year inquiry.

He added: "Francis Enahoro systematically abused and manipulated the Home Office residency system under the guise of his company.

"With the assistance of Oiumuyiwa Akinrin and Grace O'Connor he provided thousands of false documents to support bogus claims, charging high fees for the service in the process.

"The prosecution is a result of excellent co-operation between the UK Border Agency's managed migration intelligence unit and the Operation Maxim organised immigration crime team."



GUILTY: Francis Enahoro, Oiumuyiwa Akinrin and Grace O'Connor ran the documents con

Enahoro's operation – based at the Lewisham branch of Macauley Blackman Solicitors – took advantage of the 14-year residency rule that allows immigrants to remain in the UK if they have lived here for at least 14 years, regardless of how they entered the country.

He provided Nigerian, Jamaican and Ghanaian nationals with the contact details for Akinrin, 45, from Peckham, who in turn collected the forged documents from O'Connor, 50, from Lewisham.

Documents

The trio were caught when an undercover detective posing as a Ghanaian national was quoted £950 by Enahoro for a residency application, who then gave him Akinrin's telephone number.

Akinrin and the detective later met in a

supermarket car park, where Akinrin promised to provide him with the necessary documents for a further £1,200.

After handing over the cash at a later meeting he was handed an envelope full of forged documents including telephone bills, bank statements and NHS cards.

Akinrin and O'Connor were jailed for four and five years respectively for their part in the operation. O'Connor's sentence was a year longer because she had earlier pleaded guilty to fraudulently producing pay slips.

UK Border Agency intelligence officer Jan Polanowski said: "Working with the police we will continue to crack down on those responsible for organised immigration crime.

"People in a position of responsibility who attempt to profit by abusing our immigration procedures must understand that we will take firm action against them."

Lord's gets fruity

CHERRIES grown by farmer Brian Piper are being served at Lord's this weekend during the second Ashes Test between England and Australia.

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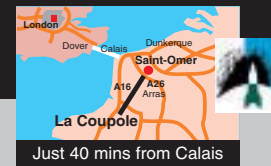
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Families to pay price of holiday tax change

By **STEVE KNIGHT**

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TAX law changes for owners of holiday homes could result in tough times for the tourism industry.

A repeal of the furnished holiday lettings rules next year could result in many people deciding to stop renting out their properties because they will have to pay more tax.

National figures from the Tourism Alliance suggest that if only 10 per cent of providers give up their business, the nationwide decrease in revenue to seaside and rural areas would be £200 million and 4,500 jobs.

Laura Sandys – Conservative Parliamentary candidate for South Thanet and Sandwich – said she was concerned about the impact the changes could have on Kent: “Holiday lettings play a vital role in our summer tourism sector.

Detrimental

“Without a wide range of holiday lettings we might not be able to accommodate families who cannot afford to stay for a week in a hotel. This could be detrimental to our shops, bars and restaurants that gain significant trade from these longer-term visitors.

“This is yet another blow to tourism when we are all working so hard to rebuild the British family holiday.”

The current rules allow properties let as holiday accommodation for at least 140 days a year to be treated as a commercial business for tax purposes. This means owners are able to claim loss relief, capital allowances and relief for certain capital gains.

However, the new rules will result in holiday lettings being treated as investment rather than business income, and will therefore incur a higher rate of tax for owners.

Sarah Cheeseman, 43, from Waltham-on-Thames in Surrey, owns a large five-bedroom holiday home in Romney Marsh but says she may reduce its availability and increase its rental price as a result of the tax changes.

She said: “It used to be worthwhile pumping lots of money back into improving the property and getting as many lettings as we can, but it won’t be when our profits are being taxed so much.

“It’s possible a lot of people will stop letting out their holiday homes now, or they will only do it so they can cover their costs and keep it for themselves to stay at in the summer.

“The new rules make owning a holiday home a much less attractive prospect and I wouldn’t have thought it was a good thing for the tourism industry.”

Attractions across the county recorded an increase in footfall in June last year compared to the same time in 2007, and in most cases 60-90 per cent were domestic visitors.

Bad time

The statistics were provided by the not-for-profit group Visit Kent, which is expecting another strong summer this year as the recession convinces holidaymakers to stay in the UK to save money.

Head of tourism Fran Warrington said the tax rule changes had come at a bad time: “We are in the business of trying to encourage this sort of accommodation, so anything that makes it less worthwhile for owners is not to be supported and we will certainly be doing our best to make our feelings known.”

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By **STEVE KNIGHT**

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THE centenary of aviation pioneer Louis Blériot's historic cross-Channel flight will be commemorated with a high-speed race involving more than 30 light aircraft.

The Bulldog UK Challenge, which takes place next Saturday, marks 100 years to the day since the French engineer became the first person to complete a powered flight between France and England.

Organised by the Royal Aero Club Racing and Rally Association, the race will see pilots

from both sides of the Channel competing to see who can reach Kent's famous White Cliffs first.

Former four-time King's Cup winner Roger Hayes, 65, who will be representing sponsor Bulldog Gin, said he was looking forward to taking part. He added: "Blériot's achievement was tremendously significant in terms of prestige and



CUP WINNER: Pilot Roger Hayes

it was a landmark in aviation history. To think the Navy was no longer the only thing connecting us and Europe was a big deal at the time and made it seem as if Britain was no longer an island.

"Competing in a race like this puts us in touch with history and celebrates an important event that has had an impact on all our lives."

Louis Blériot had built a number of unsuccessful flying machines before the construction of the Blériot XI monoplane, which he used to take advantage of a £1,000 prize offered by the Daily Mail in 1909 for the first person to cross the Channel by powered flight.

He later set up a company that built planes for the Allies during World War One, and he

Centenary race marks Blériot's historic flight across Channel



MAGNIFIQUE: Louis Blériot



ROGER AND IN: Mr Hayes' plane

remained active in the industry until his death in August 1936, aged 64.

Although Blériot flew to Dover from the Les Barraques area of Calais, next Saturday's competition will see the pilots take off from Abbeville on the Somme estu-

ary, about 80 miles from Kent. Mr Hayes, from Gloucestershire, who has been racing for more than 25 years and runs his own flying school, will be in control of an ex-military aircraft capable of 145mph.

He said: "A race like this requires weeks of

planning because you have to learn the route, go up and do pre-event tests and practice your racing technique.

"You also need to be fit enough to fly, physically and mentally. If you haven't had enough sleep or are not feeling sharp enough in the aircraft, it's going to affect your performance."

The winner of the race, which is due to finish in Dover at about 3pm, will be named Bulldog Champion 2009.

The Bulldog UK Challenge is an annual event that rewards "outsize achievement and brazen spirit", and was last year awarded to 28-year-old Myles Hayden for his victory in the world's biggest-ever arm wrestling competition.

• Visit www.dover2009.com to find out about other events being held in Dover to celebrate Blériot's achievement.

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Player gunned down by masked assassin

A FOOTBALLER was killed by a masked gunman on a mountain bike in the middle of a training session.

Police have launched a murder investigation after the shocking incident at Sparrows Den Playing Fields, Bromley, at about 6.30pm on Thursday.

An ambulance was called but the victim, Ryan Musgrove, 36, from Croydon, was pronounced dead at the scene about 45 minutes later.

Det Ch Insp John McFarlane said there would have been a large number of people in the area at the time of the shooting.

Mr Musgrove was first-team manager of Coney Hall FC, who play in the Premier Division of

the Kent County League

A message on the club's website reads: "The thoughts of everyone within the club are with Ryan's family, to whom we send our heartfelt condolences.

"Ryan will be remembered at the club as a huge personality and as a great football man who has made great strides in improving the senior section at Coney Hall during the past two seasons. He is missed."

There has been speculation that the shooting may have been gang-related, although Mr Musgrove was not known by the police. Anyone with information can call 020 8721 4205 or Crimestoppers, in confidence, on 0800 555111.

Shattering blow

DRUNKEN Darren Pierce was arrested pulling his girlfriend's hair after kicking her front gate in.

Pierce, 30, was living in Margate when he got drunk and argued with Carla Wilson. When police arrived they saw Pierce pulling her hair violently, Margate magistrates were told.

Pierce, of Holmleigh Avenue, Dartford, admitted assault and criminal damage. Julie Farbrace, prosecuting, said the couple had been drinking and Pierce provoked a row. He said he wanted his property and was moving to Dartford.

Neighbours heard shouting and saw Pierce kick the gate, shattering it. He was given a year's supervision order and told to pay £60 costs.

■ A TAXI driver suffered two black eyes and a broken nose when a passenger attacked him.

The assault took place on Monday, July 13, at 11.30pm after the driver picked up a couple from the Railway Tavern in Gravesend and took them to Kent Close in Paddock Wood.

The man got into the front seat and demanded the cabbie hand over the keys. When he refused the man - who is about 5ft 9in and in his late teens to mid 20s - assaulted him.

Police have appealed for information about the couple. The man was wearing a light blue T-shirt and the woman, who is of a similar age, had dark hair tied in a ponytail and was wearing dark trousers or tracksuit bottoms. Call 01732 379217 or Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111 if you can help.

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Project funding to dispel myths about immigrants

A CHARITY has received £75,000 from the Government to help teach children in east Kent about immigrants.

The Canterbury-based World Educational Development Group (Wedg) will spend the cash over the next three years on a project it hopes will dispel myths and stereotypes about refugees who live in the county.

Secondary school pupils from some of east Kent's most deprived areas will benefit from the funding, which has been provided by the Department for International Development's development awareness fund.

Liz Hayes of Wedg said: "It can be difficult for young people to know the facts about immigration because they are bombarded with sound-bites and hearsay from various sources.

"This project will give them the skills and knowledge to help make up their own minds.

"Parents can play a huge role in shaping the attitudes of their children. We are hoping this will be an opportunity for the young people to engage their families in discussion."

Earlier this month a study for the Equality and Human Rights Commission found only 1.8 per cent of social housing tenants are immigrants who have moved to the UK in the past five years – dispelling the myth they are given housing priority.

The Wedg initiative – called 'My dad says...' – aims to address such commonly held beliefs to stimulate critical thinking about immigration.

It's one of 30 new projects in the UK awarded a total of £8.2 million funding to help people understand poverty in the developing world.

Douglas Alexander, Secretary of State for International Development, said: "I'd like to congratulate Wedg on its development grant award."

Stone me, it's a sandcastle

Stonehenge replica is winner of beach competition

By **CHRIS MURPHY**

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THE rain stopped long enough for the popular sandcastle building competition to get underway last weekend in Folkestone.

This is the third time the event has been staged, but despite this being possibly the best summer for years, the rain still threatened.

Artist Shane Record organised the contest, and said he thought he would have to call it all off.

But eventually 25 teams with a total of around 200 people got digging as hundreds of others watched.

He said they created some of the best sandcastles the town has ever seen.

Other than the trophy, medals and the prestigious title and kudos of being known as Folkestone's Sandcastle King or Queen for 2009, the winning team also won a free return trip to France with a car courtesy of P&O Ferries.

The competition was a charity fundraising event for the Church Street Project – providers of creative therapy and counselling to children in Shepway.

Children in Folkestone and the surrounding area are referred to the unit, and the charity relies heavily on fundraising to continue its valuable work in the town.

Mayor Janet Andrews opened the event and the competition was judged by Folkestone mascot Peter Jurzynski, the American Channel Swimmer who has



MYSTERIOUS: The winner of the Folkestone sandcastle competition was Barn Smith (team name Mammoths of the Stone Age) with the entry Stonehenge

returned to Folkestone to attempt his 15th successful crossing this summer.

Shane said the standard of entries was undoubtedly the highest yet, with the winning teams of 2007 and 2008 both present for a shot at reclaiming their titles.

At 12.30pm judging took place, followed shortly after by the crowning of Folkestone's new King of Sandcastles.

The winning team – also the champions of 2007 – were Mammoths of the Stone Age with a replica of Stonehenge, although it was a little smaller than the mysterious original.

The judge was looking for technical excel-

lence as well as creativity. No sooner had the new king been hailed and crowned did the tide come in and wash the creations away.

Shane said: "We were so glad the weather was kind to us. The atmosphere during this competition was fantastic, and every team equally proud of their creations.

"We want to keep growing this event so that every year more and more people enter so that it becomes an event the town can be truly proud of, and one that raises lots of money for an excellent cause.

"I'd like to thank everyone for taking part and hope to see them all back next year."

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Mount Ephraim, in Hernhill, near Faversham, boasts a small, but luxury selection of quality strawberries. The estate has belonged to the Dawes family for 300 years and includes a grand stately home, extensive gardens and fruit farm.

Sandys Dawes decided to open the gardens to the public after the death of his father Bill in 1982.

It was then that he took over the management of the fruit farm, which has been established by his father.

They currently have more than five acres of strawberries growing for the summer season, with picking taking place every other day to allow ripening.

"Our strawberry production is a tiny niche operation, compared to the big boys," son Will Dawes said.

"Most other producers would not consider anything smaller than 50 acres, but we focus on growing quality, high-end fruit."

The strawberries develop in grow bags on table-tops at waist height, not in the ground.

This is to save on picking costs and makes it easier to control the environment in which they grow.

Each year they aim to produce 60 tonnes of the berries, which means at the height of the season they could be picking around eight to 10 tonnes a week.

A range of strawberries are grown at Mount Ephraim, including Elsanta, Sonata and two varieties of everbearing strawberries, Albion and Red Glory.

Each day, someone tends to the strawberries, checking the food programme has worked, mixing up the food and checking how much is still in the water every morning.

The fruits have been in season since the end of May and will be at their best until October.

They need plenty of dry, warm air and as little rain as possible, although Mount Ephraim's berries are covered to protect them from the elements.

Will Dawes said the correct heat level is imperative for their growth.

"If they get too hot they ripen without being able to grow to a large size, this makes them costly to pick."

He added that small-scale operations such as his are at risk of ending: "At its current size it is a hobby, we are not competing

The Dawes family of Mount Ephraim explain to RACHEL McATHY how their pioneering 'hobby' is turning out some of the region's best-flavoured fruit



commercially. We are currently deciding whether to pull out of strawberry production.

"It would be upsetting to stop producing strawberries as we

have spent a large amount of money on the land, but we are considering concentrating more on our cherries which have become the farm showpiece."



Come and say hello at the county show

COME and join us at the Kent County Show this weekend, for a taste of what the county has to offer.

The largest outdoor event in the county runs from until Sunday, providing three days of entertainment and displays for the whole family.

Foodforkent.co.uk - our one-stop shop of local food and drink producers is located at stand number 140.

Tickets can still be purchased on the gate each day of the show.

There will also be a large interactive area in the Agricultural Zone called Why Farming Matters, focusing on the importance of farming in Kent.

The main theme will be to show how food gets to the fork, with cookery demonstrations on how local produce can be used to make a variety of meals.

Enjoy the best produce and eat to the beat

SOME of the best the county has to offer in food and music will be on show at Goodnestone Park Gardens, near Wingham, this summer.

During the weekend of August 7-9, some of the county's finest produce will be celebrated.

On Friday, visitors will be entertained with jazz and swing favourites performed by Hullabaloo and Richard J Lewis.

On Saturday, a Proms Concert will be held by the Kent Concert Orchestra with guest soprano, Juliet Schiemann.

To round off the weekend, a produce and craft fayre will take place on the Sunday. Among the stalls will be fresh local meats, fish, preserves, chocolates and even some freshly cooked Kent snails in garlic.

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KENT ON SUNDAY

COMMENT

Our brave heroes deserve the best

THE incredible bravery of men such as Lance Corporal Johnson Beharry demonstrates exactly why British troops should not be short-changed by the Government.

Victoria Cross hero LCpl Beharry was clearly willing to put his life on the line for his country – a trait shared by his fellow soldiers and one that should earn them access to the finest equipment available.

Unfortunately it has taken more tragic deaths in Afghanistan to illustrate that this does not appear to be happening.

If the head of the British Army, General Sir Richard Dannatt, needs to compile a list of equipment he wants the Government to provide, there is clearly something wrong.

Shouldn't this lifesaving equipment have been in place already? Do our soldiers not deserve the right to defend our country knowing their welfare is of utmost importance?

We pray that the loss of life can be kept to a minimum in the weeks and months ahead, and that the families of any soldiers who do perish will know that – short of bringing the troops home – there was nothing more the Government could have done to prevent it.

Welcome back, boys

MEANWHILE, there was an excellent turnout in Tunbridge Wells on Friday for the return of the 1st Bn the Princess of Wales' Royal Regiment. Whether you agree with Britain's role in Iraq and Afghanistan or not, these troops are putting their lives on the line for us and deserve our total support.

OPINION:

Getting the debate started

Cllr Nick Chard explains why the waste collection system is a key issue for Kent and why you should have your say



I'VE BEEN in my new role as Kent County Council's cabinet member for environment, highways and waste for four weeks.

But I've been a user of Kent's services for many years. That means I care as much as anyone about the quality of local services. I care that I receive value for money for my council tax.

I also care that the people in charge of local services do their best to deliver high quality at a price residents can afford in these troubled times. And there's the rub. Suddenly, I'm on both sides of the equation – a resident and the person in charge.

So it's right you should know my views on waste and recycling. My viewpoint is driven by seeing things from where taxpayers stand, pure and simple. It's clear the recession is hitting Kent businesses and people hard.

Rightly, people expect public services to be managed in ways that support residents. Common sense tells us we need to get a grip if the ride is going to be rough. There's a national debate about the relative importance of services. Is health more important than education? Where does community safety fit against the environment? Should international development be prioritised over supporting people at home?

My view is this is the wrong debate. All public services are important, though the relative importance depends on each person's situation. With 1.3 million

Kent residents, there are 1.3 million different views – all valid.

Residents probably believe the quality of public services is more important than who delivers them. That opens an interesting story. Along with the 12 district councils, KCC is part of the Kent Waste Partnership. In 1972, the Government decided it might be a good idea to have district councils collecting household waste, with KCC taking it off them for disposal. Household waste is the ultimate two-tier service, which KWP does its best to manage in difficult circumstances and the partnership has done as well as it could. Recycling rates are now up to 40 per cent. A decade ago they were nearer 10 per cent. We contributed to 80 per cent of household waste going to landfill in the run up to the Millennium. That figure is now closer to 20 per cent.

With 750,000 tonnes of household waste generated in Kent last year, the savings are substantial. However, these achievements are despite the best efforts of a structure which puts obsta-

cles in our way. Residents are confused by who does what, and concerned family and friends sometimes get better services than they do. For example, most residents can recycle plastics at the kerbside, but some can't. Most can have green garden waste collected for composting, but some can't. This depends on which council provides your service. More than that is the massive financial challenge faced by residents and councils. Can we rely on the same formula to deliver the changes needed in waste and recycling services? What can we do to keep quality services in place but free up money needed to support education, health and other frontline services?

We need to retain the quality but have an open mind as to who does the delivery, especially if this means keeping a lid on the cost. No-one I speak to within waste and recycling would create things the way they are if they had a blank sheet of paper. What was right in 1972 could do with some change. The benefits of having one organisation looking

after waste and recycling is the way to go.

Waste and recycling services across all 13 councils cost £90m a year – that's an average of £165 for each Kent household a year. People wonder if the quality of service can be enhanced, but with costs managed better, by having one outfit rather than 13.

Could new services be brought in for residents who want plastics collected at the kerbside? People are asking how wedded can we afford to be to the notion that a waste and recycling service can be split across 13 councils with all its inherent problems.

Surely, the benefits of a quality service for all, and at a more efficient cost, is what we should be aiming for. I'm persuaded there's a debate to be had and keen Kent's people should have the chance to provide views on this important debate. To contribute, please email your comments to: kentwaste@kent.gov.uk.

• **Cllr Nick Chard is KCC cabinet member for environment, highways and waste.**

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God's law is immutable

In his tirade against the Bishop of Rochester, the Rt Rev Michael Nazir-Ali, whose Church lost the Biblical plot a long time ago, Roy Duff has also lost the plot (Letters, last week).

If we want to truly follow Jesus Christ and so become Christians, we need to follow the dictates of the Bible, not those of man.

It suits many to say that Jesus brought in a new era, whereby all that had gone before was erased and everything was to be forgiven. But Christ said he came to fulfill the law of the prophet [Matthew 5:17-20] and those not adhering to the law would not inherit the kingdom.

He mentions many times about doing the will of his Father, which is not negotiable, if we wish to retain his love. So I'm afraid we can complain all we like, and we all have our Achilles heels, but if we don't conform to God's laws we will not gain his approval and there's no point in pretending otherwise.

Christ's love is there for all to receive, but it is conditional on us making every effort to conform to His law. We may slip now and then, but the heart must be right and a genuine effort made.

If Christ's love meant we can do whatever we like and expect forgiveness, what would be the point of God's law?

Phil Granger, West Malling

Store staff a cut above

On Wednesday, July 8, I managed to cut the back of my leg on the escalator in the Wilkinsons store in Canterbury.

Everyone was very helpful – especially the security guard, Robert, who tended the wound – and everyone else looked after me while waiting for the ambulance to take me to Kent and Canterbury Hospital.

I must also thank the paramedic, Lee, who took me to hospital. My husband was already at K&C, having been there for an appoint-

Pull plug on cyberbullies

As parish councillor, I am a community volunteer and I enjoy the work I do. I fully respect the right of any individual to criticise the decisions I make.

However, I do not agree with anyone using their internet blog to tell outright lies.

I was saddened to learn that a large number of people in the county have been victims of cyberbullying and that it is an increasing problem here in Thanet.

Quite often the cyberbully will try to belittle the victim and ridicule them if they complain.

Some of you may recall the email scandal that brought shame on the Labour Party at a national level in April of this year.

This was a very unfortunate state affairs, especially when the Government should be setting an example.

Cyberbullying can be difficult to deal with; however, there are things we can do to avoid getting involved and to stop its spread.

If you encounter any other form of cyberbullying, please report it.

John Worrow, Birchington

ment himself, so rather than him pick me up from the shops, he met me at the hospital's minor injuries department. Once again, my sincere thanks to you all.

Wendy Wicks, Cliftonville

Grand ideas for resort

After hearing the sad news that the Leas cliff lift in Folkestone was closing down, it was a breath of fresh air to read about the positive ideas from Michael Stainer, of the resort's Grand Hotel.

He wants to save the cliff lift and develop the lift house into facilities to support a park and ride scheme, with the possibility of also constructing a new pier.

What a welcome boost this would provide to

the harbour area. Let's hope Shepway council can find the imagination to support this scheme and enhance the town's assets to the benefit of local tourism.

This would make a pleasant change from the usual developers' plans, which allow them to demolish old buildings and replace them with contemporary architecture which is admired by few and despised by many.

Margaret and Terry Kendall, Folkestone

It's rank discrimination

As a taxi driver in Medway, I am concerned about my future. Our trade association has tried and tried again to get an answer from Medway Council as to where the main taxi rank will be located within their 20-year

redevelopment plan of Chatham town centre.

The council says the temporary rank in Military Road will be returned to a location within the Pentagon shopping centre.

But this is private property and due to be redeveloped in future, so we will have to eventually vacate this area.

The council refuses to say where the eventual rank will be, although it is building a brand new bus station. It says taxis cannot drop off or pick up passengers within the new bus station for "health and safety reasons".

Has the world gone crazy? What do buses do?

Or has the council, as we suspect, forgotten to plan for taxis for shoppers and pensioners?

Please come to our aid in Medway – we need someone with common sense. The council doesn't seem to have any. Where is the permanent taxi rank to be located? Even the pensioners' forum is asking the same.

Name and address supplied

We're backing Macca

East Kent Friends of the Earth supports the Meat-Free Mondays initiative launched last month by Sir Paul McCartney, which highlights the impact of meat production on climate change.

Our group is urging the Government to change the way meat and dairy are produced to tackle the damaging environmental and social impacts of intensive production.

Cutting down on eating meat would deliver a double benefit for people and the planet, but the Government needs to act too. It is spending millions on factory farms which are the link in a hidden chain that connects the food on our plates to climate change and rainforest destruction. The Government needs to support planet-friendly farming by shifting subsidies to help sustainable farming and small farmers produce homegrown animal feeds and alternative breeds.

Stuart Cox, East Kent FoE, Walmer

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BIRTHS

ATKINS

Louise and Ian of Herne Bay are delighted to announce the birth of their beautiful son, Thomas Stephen David on 1st July 2009. A baby brother for Isabel.

BATCHELOR

Ruth and Richard Batchelor celebrate the birth of their son Max Edward Batchelor on 28th June 2009, weighing 7lb 2oz.

BRIGHT

Natasha and Michael Bright of Halling celebrate the birth of their son Bradley Logan Kevin on 7th July 2009, weighing 7lb 5oz.

BRYAN

Kelly and Charlie of Folkestone celebrate the birth of their son Archie James on the 7th July 2009. You are the miracle who we will love and treasure forever.

COUGHLAN

Gary Coughlan and Samatha Jinks announce the birth of their daughter Lana Jean Coughlan on the 30th June 2009. Our most beautiful and precious daughter.

COZENS

Hayley and Mick celebrate the birth of their son Kodi Paul on 10th July 2009 weighing 7lb 11.5oz. Little brother to Jayden Michael.

MABEY

Leigh and of New Romney celebrate the birth of their son Mason Joe on the 22nd June 2009.

PAICE

Will and Lottie of Collier Street are proud to announce the birth of their son Alfred Tasker Wordsworth Paice born 18th June 2009 at Pembury Hospital weighing 7lb 8oz.

POTTS

Daniel Martyn Thomas was born on 5th July 2009, weighing 9lb 1oz. Son to Haylee Potts and grandson to Mandy Potts. Nephew to Tanya and Katy Potts and a playmate for Aaron and Daniella.

RANDALL

Caroline and Mark Randall celebrate the birth of their son Oliver David Randall born on 4th July 2009 weighing 7lb 4oz. Brother to Harry Randall.

STEVENS-BRIDGER

Anna and Dean Bridger celebrate the birth of their son Aaron Timothy Stevens-Bridger on 23rd June 2009 weighing 6lb 14oz.

SULLIVAN

Thomas Robert, born on the 24th June 2009. Second son of Paul and Louise Sullivan, Sullivan and Sons Funeral Services, Dover.

WICKINGS

Brian and Carley of Dover celebrate the birth of their daughter Amelia, born on the 4th July 2009.

DEATHS

BAYNES

Nina Baynes (Martin) originally from Dartford, passed away peacefully on 7th July at Ash. She will be sadly missed by the family. Any enquiries to Dilnot Smith Funeral Directors at Deal.

ELLIOT

Professor Harry Elliot C.B.E. F.R.S. on 5th July 2009 aged 89. Dearly beloved husband of Betty, father of Brian and Jean, grandfather of Louise, Camilla, Ian and Andrew, great grandfather of Ryan. Funeral at Kent and Sussex Crematorium, Tunbridge Wells at 10.30am on 13th July 2009. Family flowers only.

KNIGHT

Roy Knight of Kingston passed away at home on 6th July 2009. Beloved husband of Joan and father to Julie and David. He will be sadly missed by his family and friends. Any enquiries to John Kemp Funeral Directors of Canterbury.

MURDEN

Barbara Mary Murden of Herne Bay passed away peacefully on 8th July 2009. A much loved mother, grandmother and great grandmother who will be sadly missed by everyone who knew her. All funeral enquiries to Woolland and Kent 01227 772300.

OAKLEY

Chris - who passed away on 7th July at Darent Valley Hospital - sadly missed by family friends and neighbours.

OLVER

Edward Joseph Hubert 1914-2009. Eddie Born 30th October 1914 in Canterbury. Much loved Husband to Eileen Gladys and Father to Ian, Alan, Maureen, Colin, Kevin, Keith and Father in law to Jenny, Catherine, David and Wendy. A special Grandad to Ian Thomas, Amy, Vincent, Simon, Jonathan, Andrew, Debbie, Kerrie, Jacqui, Nathan and Great

Grandad to Rhys, Hayley, Natasha, Aaron, Melissa, Sophie, Rebecca, Bradley, Nicola, Laura, Amy, Scott, Millie, Ellie and Reece. Passed away suddenly at home on Monday 29th June aged 94 years. Funeral to be held at Barham crematorium, all enquiries to CW Lyons 70 Military Road Canterbury, telephone 01227463508. Family flowers only please but donations in his memory to the British Heart Foundation c/o CW Lyons and Sons. Such a lovely man who will be forever missed but never forgotten.

ROBSON

Philip Robson of Folkestone, passed away peacefully after a short illness on the 7th July 2009 aged 61 years. Donations to the Ashford Hospice.

TINLEY

Geoffrey John passed away peacefully on 2nd July 2009. A service of celebration for the life of Geoffrey Tinley will be held at All Saints Church Maidstone at 11.30am on 31st July 2009. No flowers please and any donations payable to The Fire Fighters Charity and can be sent to A W Court Funeral Directors Grafty Green Kent Tel. 01622 850840 or given in at the service.

WASHINGTON

George Washinton 1922 - 2009, passed away peacefully on the 11th July. Will be sadly missed by his wife Lilian and children, grandchildren, great grandchildren and great great grandchildren. Special thank you to all the staff at Cumbria House Folkestone.

Dietary link to cancer

A recent survey showed that 40 per cent of people do not know about the link between diet and cancer. This is despite convincing scientific evidence that what we eat affects our chances of developing cancer.

This is why I am writing to let your readers know they can reduce their cancer risk by eating plenty of a variety of fruit and vegetables and limiting the amount of alcohol, salt and red and processed meat in their diet.

At World Cancer Research Fund we also recommend avoiding sugary drinks and limiting consumption of energy-dense foods.

This is because they contribute to weight gain, which also increases risk of cancer. In fact, scientists now say that, after not smoking, maintaining a healthy weight is the most important thing you can do for cancer prevention.

We are offering a free copy of our guidelines for cancer prevention booklet to the first 100 people who call 020 7343 4205 and quote 'media'.

*Lisa Cooney,
head of education, WCRF*

Cutting all our losses

Across the UK, BT is looking to reduce its wage bill by offering staff the opportunity to take longer holidays in return for taking a pay cut, or a one-off payment of £1,000 if they agree to go part-time.

The company posted losses of £1.3 billion for the first three months of 2009, but has more than 100,000 employees and is a great example of how in the economic downturn businesses are having to respond creatively to avoid redundancies.

Similarly, workers at Jaguar Land Rover have been asked to delay their salary payments to help rectify the company's cash-flow problems.

ACCA (the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants) is advising business-

es not to sacrifice long-term potential with short-term thinking. While there is an understandable concern in businesses of all sizes, ACCA's belief is that many will react with short-term measures to cut costs rather than considering the long-term future of the business.

Wherever possible, businesses that are having difficulties should realise there are alternative ways to reduce staff overheads without redundancies, including reductions in working week days or caps on staff pay.

The decisions of Jaguar Land Rover and BT might seem extreme to some, but their strategies so far are not leading to more unemployment in local areas - and businesses across the South East would be well advised to follow suit.

*Michaela Johns, ACCA
spokesperson for the South East*

Diabetes on the run

I am writing to ask your readers to put on their running shoes for the Great South Run in aid of Diabetes UK.

The 10-mile race takes place in Portsmouth on Sunday, October 25. Entrants will join 21,000 runners of all abilities to take in the historic town's stunning scenery and landmarks.

Diabetes UK has guaranteed charity places available, but the deadline for applications is August 27, so be quick.

Runners' hard work and dedication will make a real difference to people living with diabetes, with all funds raised going towards Diabetes UK's vital work, funding research, campaigning and helping people live with diabetes.

There is a £35 entry fee and Diabetes UK asks that each runner raises a minimum of £250. Call Penny on 01372 720148, or e-mail penny.january@diabetes.org.uk for more details.

To find out more about other Diabetes UK fundraising activities in Kent, visit www.diabetes.org.uk/inyourarea.

Jill Steaton, regional manager, Diabetes UK

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Nimbys hit the brakes

Your report on the reduction of speeding prosecutions and the drop in casualties in Kent reflects a nationwide reduction, including North Yorkshire which has no fixed cameras yet.

Also in North Yorkshire, once out of the towns, nearly all single carriageway roads are still on the national speed limit of 60mph, which is now virtually non-existent on Kent's main roads, where we have an ever-changing patchwork of 40 and 50mph limits as nimby councillors dictate what speed they think we should all drive at.

Do those in charge of Kent's highways assume our drivers are worse than those in other counties and need more interference?

Since 2002, when the speed camera partnership was formed, 394,189 drivers have been prosecuted for speeding. Were all these people driving dangerously or a menace to society? No, most have just fallen foul of a technical infringement.

How many of those who subsequently lost their licence also lost their job, income and even home?

These sorts of figures are never put into the equation, or the social hardship caused by loss of a driving licence, or the effect on family life. Also not shown in statistics is the cost

to the economy in delays, missed appointments, longer journey times, wasted fuel etc by the constant downgrading of speed limits and increasing congestion.

Some of us still expect to be treated as responsible adults and do our journeys in reasonable time. We do not want to live in a society of mindless, unquestioning obedience.

Nor are we convinced when whatever toady is transport minister this month tells us that 50mph is to replace all 60mph limits for safety reasons. Perhaps it is to boost the camera partnership's falling income?

Terry Hudson, Herne Bay

Support city's gay bar

A dream came true last night. We spent a very enjoyable evening in a gay bar, CO2, in Canterbury.

Although we arrived late for the evening's quiz, Billy, the quizmaster, went back over the questions we had missed.

All the customers, both lesbians and gay men, and the staff were very friendly, there was a good atmosphere and free gay magazines were available.

CO2 is a proper gay bar, run by gays for gays, and as such deserves to do well. The bar has had some hassles from the locals, so we trust that the LGBT community will turn out and support CO2.

*Andrew Brettell and Martin Lammis,
Pride in Canterbury*

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Earlier this year the university was awarded an accreditation by the Carbon Trust in recognition of its commitment to measuring, managing and reducing its carbon footprint.

UN expert gives talk on poverty

A UNITED Nations advisor will give a talk on poverty and hunger when he visits the University of Greenwich's Medway campus.

Professor Anthony Youdeowei, who also works closely with the World Bank and a number of governments, will explain how agricultural research and development can help ease the problems in Africa.

The talk starts at 7pm on Tuesday and will be held at the Pilkington Lecture Theatre at Chatham Maritime.

For ticket information call Heather McAvoy-Marshall on 01634 883911 or email h.m.macvov-marshall@re.ac.uk.

Rail apprenticeships vital in keeping our networks on track

By **STEVE KNIGHT**

steve.knight@kosmedia.co.uk

AN award-winning apprenticeship scheme has helped 10 young people beat the recession and land jobs on Kent's railways.

The Network Rail programme, which prepares workers for a career in line engineering, was praised by the Prince of Wales at a recent business awards ceremony in which the firm was recognised for its commitment to investing in new talent.

Chief executive Iain Coucher said Kent's newest apprentices – who will be based at Ashford, Canterbury, Dartford, Orpington and Tonbridge – will help deliver a £35 billion investment programme over the next five years.

He added: "We believe in investing in our people because a bigger and better railway needs the very best in skills to succeed. By investing in the future of hundreds of young men and



LINED UP: Network Rail plans to spend £30 million on training and employ 280 new recruits

women, we invest in our own future too."

This year Network Rail plans to spend £30 million on vocational training throughout the country and take on 280 new recruits – about double last year's intake.

Opportunity

Since 2003 the firm, which owns and operates Britain's railway infrastructure including stations, tracks, tunnels and bridges, has taken on 473 people from the graduate pool.

Shadow universities and skills secretary David Willetts is a supporter of the training scheme and took up the opportunity to meet the Kent apprentices earlier this year.

He said: "I have been very impressed by the Network Rail apprentices that I have met. They are learning a valuable trade and getting excellent training at the same time."

"I am particularly impressed by the residential aspect of the programme, which teaches important life skills, and am very glad to see the scheme is growing – even during the recession."

"We want to see a big increase in apprenticeship places and are committed to ensuring there are more opportunities for young people than in the past."

Since taking over Britain's railway infrastructure in 2003, Network Rail has also launched a master of science degree in project management and a foundation degree in rail engineering.

College opens up

HADLOW College, near Tonbridge is holding an open day on Saturday, September 5.

The event, which will run from 10am until 2pm, gives prospective pupils the chance to explore the various campuses, meet the tutors and learn more about the courses on offer.

Visit www.hadlow.ac.uk for more information or call 0500 551434.

Snappers' delight

WANNABE wildlife photographers are invited to attend a one-day course at Canterbury Environmental Education Centre.

Attendees will be taught how to get the best out of their cameras and will also have the chance to visit a nature reserve to take pictures.

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Revel in the bright zingy citrus colours and floral prints from swimwear to eveningwear – you are sure to brighten up the scene whether you are relaxing on the beach or heading out for an evening of cocktails.

And the simplest of day dresses, or a pair of those tightly tailored jeans topped with a dramatic floating kaftan, can be transformed for a glamorous night out with the must-have accessories – chunky statement metallic jewellery, and deliciously sequined and sparkling bags and scarves.

For men, the main look this season is well groomed, carefully casual and preppy. Chinos are an essential, with summer colour provided by a good quality shirt topped with a light cardigan or sweater for evening. Shoes are also an important part of this summer's look – preferably worn without socks and definitely designed to be noticed.

For the beach, look out for those comfortable longer shorts with plenty of useful pockets for the mobile and car keys topped with any one of the many retro rock T-shirts now available.

The heart of retail and leisure in east Kent

During the past four years Westwood Cross has grown to become East Kent's leading shopping and leisure destination.



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WITH more than 45 stores, we're home to such favourites as Next, TK Maxx, Topshop, Marks & Spencer, and Debenhams alongside a host of coffee stops and shops – ideal for meeting up with friends.

Westwood Cross also features a popular Mecca Bingo Club, glamorous gaming experiences at G Casino and the Vue multi-screen state-of-the-art cinema plus a wide choice of restaurants including ASK, Nando's,

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And we're delighted to be seeing so many major stores opening up around us, adding even more value to a visit to the area.

So, whether you are spending the whole day at Westwood Cross, or dropping in for a morning, afternoon or evening, there is something for everyone all on one site – and the ample car parking is completely free.

Of course, after a delightful evening in the casino or taking in a film and enjoying a meal and a glass of wine or two you do not have to worry too much about getting home – the onsite Travelodge offers the perfect solution.



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Savour the tastes of summer

WHETHER you're planning a stylish dinner party or a barbie in the back garden, Westwood Cross has all the ingredients for a great evening at home with friends and family.

Check out Debenhams, Next and TK Maxx for the latest colours and designs in tableware, decorations and candles to capture the mood and romance of long, relaxing summer evenings. Discover the latest recipes for party success and creative cocktails in WH Smith or Waterstone's, and the finest ingredients for a memorable meal in Marks & Spencer.

And to make sure you look your summer best, whether it's dressing up for the formal dinner or smart casual on the patio, look out for the great offers throughout all our fashion stores including Topshop, Evans, Monsoon, Dorothy Perkins, Next, New Look, Peacocks, River Island, H&M Hennes, Marks & Spencer & Burton's.



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Discover the feel good factor at Westwood Cross

SUN and sea air can take a heavy toll on your skin and hair but, with a little care and advice from the experts, you can keep on looking and feeling your best whatever the weather.

The team of top stylists and beauticians at Fusion Hair and Beauty will keep you pampered and on stunning form from top to toe throughout the season and into the autumn.

For the latest suncreams,

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Entertaining ideas for young minds



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IN Thanet, we're spoiled for choice when it comes to keeping children happy through the long school holidays, most people can only dream of having such a wide choice of sandy beaches, attractions and entertainment so close by.

But we also need a helping hand to entertain the little ones, when they're not hunting for crabs in rock pools or splashing about in the sea.

The Early Learning Centre in Mothercare is perfect if you are looking for new ways to entertain the youngest members of the family or very young visitors.

Staff at Waterstone's and WH Smith will also be full of bright ideas about the newest books and games, as well as traditional favourites, to inspire young minds.

Younger visitors are particularly welcome at Westwood Cross where our Little Shopper Stay Safe Scheme is designed to keep young children safe and give all parents and guardians peace of mind while they browse the stores.

Youngsters are provided with an identifying wristband and accompanying adults are given the contact points for a bespoke telephone hotline.

FREE wristbands available at Mothercare and Clarks stores at Westwood Cross.



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Answer:

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Address: Postcode:

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VOUCHER
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DESIGN 29

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Answer:

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Address: Postcode:

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Making your day out special

A VISIT to Thanet has so much to offer – award-winning beaches, caves and stunning clifftops, numerous attractions such as Quex Park, the Shell Grotto, Turner Contemporary and the Dickens Museum, and a host of special events and celebrations throughout the summer.

Westwood Cross can help make your day out on the island really special – whether you're looking for sandwiches and salad for a picnic, topping up on supplies of suncream or tracking down new swimwear or beachtowels for all the family.

Ample free parking and the open malls make it easy to pop into Westwood Cross to stock up with essential supplies quickly before heading off to sample the sands at Margate, the surf at Joss Bay, a world-famous ice-cream at Morellis' overlooking Viking Bay, or to explore the historic harbour in Ramsgate.

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**MidKent College**

MidKent College based in the Medway Towns and Maidstone is seeking to appoint an outstanding individual in the following area:

ICT Technical I.L.T Support Engineer

Ref: P0653

Salary: £18,433 - £23,640 per annum

We are looking to recruit an organized and hard working individual to provide technical support to our ICT department. The successful candidate will have proven knowledge within this field and have an understanding of a learning environment. The ability to work with a range of software packages including PHP, HTML +CSS and Photoshop is essential.

Closing date: Friday 24 July 2009

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Training allowance: £6,171

Successful candidates will work towards the apprentice framework including a relevant NVQ Level within their chosen subject. We are looking for enthusiastic individuals who will benefit from learning whilst working in a stimulating environment. All apprentice roles are to start 1 September 2009. Interviews are scheduled to take place the week beginning 20 July 2009.

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Career Opportunities



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Canterbury College is a Further and Higher Education College in the heart of Kent. Our goal is to be one of the best FE Colleges in England by 2010. We have 9,000 students across 300 courses and enjoy an enviable reputation as a great place to learn. Our brand new £50M Campus is also home to nearly 800 staff and we have some great career opportunities which may be right for you.

Coordinator Theatre Production Arts across Levels 1,2 and 3 courses in Dance and Dramatic Arts

09/35

18.5 hours per week, salary starting at £27,209 pro rata per annum.

Lecturer Physics

09/45

37 hours per week, salary range £18,387 – £26,363 per annum.

Lecturer Health & Social Care

07/81

18.5 hours per week, salary range £18,387 – £26,363 pro rata per annum.

Lecturer Play Work/Early years

09/41

18.5 hours per week, salary range £18,387 – £26,363 pro rata per annum. One year fixed term post.

Temporary Lecturer Animal Care and Veterinary Nursing

08/42

37 hours per week, salary range £18,387 – £26,363 per annum. Fixed term post to cover maternity leave not to exceed one year.

Lecturer Animal Care and Land Based

01/144

18.5 hours per week, salary range £18,387 – £26,363 pro rata per annum.

Lecturer Key Skills

07/30

37 or 2 x 18.5 hours per week, salary range £18,387 – £26,363 per annum (pro rata for part time posts).

Lecturer Electrical Installation

09/26

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Supply Lecturers Higher Education Graphic Design to teach HND and BA (Hons) Graphic Design and Advertising

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International Manager

08/111

37 hours per week, salary starting at £33,858 per annum.

College Receptionist

R1

22.25 hours per week, salary starting at £15,085 pro rata per annum.

Night Cleaners

09/22

5 posts, 20 hours each per week, salary £6.42 per hour. Temporary posts to cover maternity leave not to exceed 12 months.

The closing date for the above posts is Monday 03 August 2009 at 12 noon

For an information pack please visit www.canterburycollege.ac.uk or call the Human Resources Office on 01227 811282 (24 hr answerphone) quoting the above reference.

Staff benefits include:

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Career Opportunities



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Vocational Team Leader Construction

SH/VCT5

18.5 hours per week, salary starting at £27,209 pro rata per annum.

Lecturer Hairdressing

09/46 & 09/47

2 x posts at 18.5 hours per week, salary range £18,387 – £26,363 pro rata per annum. One Year Fixed Term Posts.

Lecturer Construction

09/48

18.5 hours per week, salary range £18,387 – £26,363 pro rata per annum.

Lecturer Administration

09/49

9.25 hours per week, salary range £18,387 – £26,363 pro rata per annum.

Lecturer ICT

09/50

9.25 hours per week, salary range £18,387 – £26,363 pro rata per annum.

Trainer Demonstrator Construction

07/07

18.5 hours per week, 38 weeks term time. Salary starting at £18,963 pro rata per annum.

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THE QUEST SCHOOL TEACHING ASSISTANT

We are looking for a dynamic and enthusiastic person to work as a teaching assistant at our specialist school for children with autism; required for September 2009 or ASAP.

Special needs experience preferred, a desire to make a difference in children's lives essential.

Please download an application form at www.questschool.co.uk and return to: Quest School, The Old Stables, Church Farm, Church Rd, Offham, West Malling, ME19 5NX.
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For an application pack please contact Human Resources Department, telephone 01843 227561, email:

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MidKent College

MidKent College based in the Medway Towns
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Programme Area Leader in Catering and Hospitality

Ref: P0544

Salary: £30,204 - £33,935 per annum

We are looking to recruit an exceptional candidate to provide support to the Head of School on all Staffing, Student, Curriculum and Quality issues. The successful candidate will be able to demonstrate a significant level of competence in Teaching and Learning, have experience of the industry and have good negotiating/communication skills. The post holder will hold or be willing to work towards a recognised teaching qualification.

Lecturer in Biology

Ref: P0102

Salary: £25,895 - £29,622 pro rata

18.5 hours per week

We are looking to recruit an exceptional candidate to teach on and participate in the development of a range of Biology courses on Access, A levels and BTEC. The successful candidate will hold a relevant degree in Biology and possess or be willing to work towards a recognised teaching qualification. We are looking for an individual with the passion to motivate our learners within their chosen field.

Lecturer in Sport

Ref: P0102

Salary: £25,895 - £29,622 per annum

The College is looking for a passionate and enthusiastic professional to join the Sports team to teach, assess and participate in the development of Sports programmes. The successful candidate will hold at least a level three qualification and have some teaching/training experience along side industrial expertise. They must hold or be willing to work towards a recognised teaching qualification.

Lecturer in Health Care

Ref: P0650

Salary: £25,895 - £29,622 pro rata

18.5 hours per week

We are looking for a passionate candidate to be involved in the delivery of a range of Health Care programmes. The successful candidate will have proven knowledge and experience within Healthcare environments and hold or be willing to work towards a recognised teaching qualification.

Lecturer in Performing Arts

Ref: P0651

Salary: £25,895 - £29,622 per annum

We are looking for an experienced, creative and dynamic individual to work as a course tutor within the Performing Arts department. The successful candidate will be involved with the development of the department, driving forward new ideas and must be able to demonstrate innovative ways of working and hold or be willing to work towards a recognised teaching qualification.

Departmental Administrator

Ref: P0245

Salary: £12,795 £16,059 per annum/pro rata

Full time – Medway Campus

Part Time – Maidstone Campus

We are looking to recruit an Administrator/Secretary with excellent administration and organisational skills, who is able to demonstrate knowledge of office procedures and ability to use MS office packages.

Closing date: Wednesday 8 July 2009

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Lecturer – Multi Crafts

(Fixed Term until 16/07/2010) Variable Hours

Ref: T1388 & T1394

Main duties include teaching theoretical and practical aspects to full and part-time students at all levels of ability and across a wide age range in the Multi Crafts area, particularly in Painting & Decorating or Bricklaying. You will prepare and deliver lectures and prepare and mark assessments, projects and tests and be committed to student success. You may also be expected to teach basic aspects of some other trade areas such as Plastering and Plumbing.

You will have NVQ Level 3 or equivalent in Painting & Decorating or Bricklaying. A teaching qualification e.g. Certificate in Education, DTTLs or equivalent and Assessor Awards (A1, V1) or willingness to achieve these upon appointment. Recent and relevant industrial experience in general building is required, as well as demonstrable in-depth knowledge of your trade area.

The closing date for receipt of applications is Thursday 30th July. Interviews will be held on Friday 7th August.

For further information or an application pack please contact the Human Resources Department on 0845 207 8222 (24 hour answerphone), email: humanresources@southkent.ac.uk or visit www.southkent.ac.uk

All posts are subject to a disclosure check by the Criminal Records Bureau. We are committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expect all employees to share this commitment. Applications are welcome from suitably qualified candidates regardless of ethnicity, gender, age, disability, sexuality or religion.



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SOFTWARE ADMINISTRATOR

Kent Scheme Band 3

We are looking for a reliable and hardworking individual, with skills in basic IT applications, including Microsoft Word and Excel. Primary roles will be to support teachers in their use of software applications and work as an assistant to our Data Manager. The successful candidate will need to use initiative, work as part of a friendly team, and learn quickly when given training in the use of new software applications.

COVER SUPERVISOR / WORK RELATED LEARNING OFFICER

Kent Scheme Band 3

We are looking for a reliable and hardworking person, who is well-organised, and enjoys supporting students in their learning and life skills. The successful applicant will work as part of a supportive and friendly team and full training will be given. Main roles will be supervising classes when teachers are absent, ensuring work set is covered, giving individual guidance and support to students about careers pathways and supporting the management and administration of 14-19 work-related learning, including links with external college courses.

Hours of employment for both posts will be 35 hours per week, start and finish times negotiable. The position is term time only plus 5 extra days. Salary will be on the Kent Scheme Salaries Band 3 depending on experience, pro rata.

Further details and application form from the Headteacher's PA, Mrs Cindy Theisen on 01622 689422 or email theiscnc@st-simon-stock.kent.sch.uk Full details of the post are available on our web site www.st-simon-stock.kent.sch.uk
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Speech and Language Therapist

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Quoting Job Ref: kos
Tel: 01303 256 240
Email applications@kosmedia.co.uk

Area Manager

Thanet
Salary: TBA
To apply/more information: Ethelbert Children's Services
Quoting Job Ref: kos
Tel: 01843 823762
Email jackie.brandson@ethelberthomes.co.uk

Marketing, Advertising

Catalogue Distributors

Kent
Salary: £50-£300 per Week
Catalogue Distributors Required £50-£300 per Week. Flexi Hours, Part or Full Time, 18+ Tel: 01622 808655 www.reach4gold.co.uk
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Quoting Job Ref: kos
Tel: 01622 808655
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MARKETING EXECUTIVES

Folkestone
Salary: TBA
Closing Date: 29 July 2009
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Email human.resources@saga.co.uk



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To apply/more information: Adastra Software Ltd
Quoting Job Ref: ME0709
 Email marketing@adastra.com

Marketing Assistant

Ashford
Salary: TBA
Closing Date: 31st July 2009
To apply/more information: Adastra Software Ltd
Quoting Job Ref: MA0709
 Email marketing@adastra.com

Marketing Coordinator

Tonbridge
Salary: TBA
Closing Date: 2 August 09
To apply/more information: Hilden Park LLP
Quoting Job Ref: kos
 Email gm@hildenpark.co.uk

Not for profit, Charities

Team Leader - Housing Services
Thanet

Salary: £17421.40 - £22937.31
Closing Date: 24/07/09
To apply/more information: Lynda Salisbury
 East Kent Mencap
Quoting Job Ref: HSL0001
 Tel: 01843-224482
 Email Lynda.Salisbury@eastkentmencap.co.uk

Nursing, Medicine, Care Work

YOUNG CARERS SUPPORT OFFICER(S)

Sheerness
Salary: TBA
Closing Date: 10am 10th July
To apply/more information: Swale Carers Centre
Quoting Job Ref: kos
 Tel: 01795 583440
 Email sandie.hornby@swalecarers.org.uk

Form F assessors

Herne Bay
Salary: TBA
To apply/more information: Bene Care
Quoting Job Ref: kos
 Tel: 01892 740886
 Email kd@bencarefostering.co.uk

Residential Support Workers - Childcare

Thanet
Salary: TBA
To apply/more information: Bene Care
Quoting Job Ref: kos
 Tel: 01227 369089
 Email info@bencareltd.co.uk

SENIOR SUPPORT WORKER
Sheerness

Salary: TBA
 Required at Alma Lodge, Sheerness 35 hours per week Does include weekends on a rota basis. Looking after adults with learning disabilities Please call Christine or June - between 9:30am & 3:00pm (mon-fri) for more details. Tel: 01795 669824.
To apply/more information: Alma Lodge
Quoting Job Ref: kos
 Tel: 01795 669824
 Email applications@kosmedia.co.uk

Day Support - Domiciliary Care Support Worker

Dartford
Salary: £15,291-£16,278
Closing Date: Wednesday 22 July 2009
To apply/more information: DGS Mencap Ltd
Quoting Job Ref: kos
 Tel: 01322 281833
 Email info@dgsmyyourchoice.org.uk

Waking Nights - Waking Night Support Worker

Dartford
Salary: £16,991-£18,937 (pro-rata)
Closing Date: Wednesday 22 July 2009
To apply/more information: DGS Mencap Ltd
Quoting Job Ref: kos
 Tel: 01322 281833
 Email info@dgsmyyourchoice.org.uk

Sleep-ins

Dartford
Salary: £26.72 (per night)
Closing Date: Wednesday 22 July 2009

To apply/more information: DGS Mencap Ltd
Quoting Job Ref: kos
 Tel: 01322 281833
 Email info@dgsmyyourchoice.org.uk

Male Support Workers

Sittingbourne
Salary: TBA
 To provide personal care for men with learning disabilities and challenging behaviours for our home in Sittingbourne. Will need to have NVQ Level 2/3 with 6 months experience working with ALD. Clean current driving license required Interested candidates should apply in writing enclosing a recent C.V Christine Morgan /Administrative Manager Forward Care (Residential) Ltd 15 Keycol Hill Sittingbourne Kent ME9 8LZ Previous applicants need not apply This post is exempt from the Sex Discrimination Act Section 7 (c and f).
To apply/more information: Forward Care
Quoting Job Ref: kos
 Email applications@kosmedia.co.uk

Cleaners

Canterbury
Salary: TBA
 REQUIRED FOR CARE HOME IN CANTERBURY 2 Part time cleaners - 16 hours per week 1 Kitchen Assistant - 36 + hours per week 1 Care Assistant - Full time For more information call Maralyn - Tel: 01227 721527 Email: cares@littlebournecarehome.co.uk
To apply/more information: Littlebourne House
Quoting Job Ref: kos
 Tel: 01227 721527
 Email cares@littlebournecarehome.co.uk

Kitchen Assistant
Canterbury

Salary: TBA
 REQUIRED FOR CARE HOME IN CANTERBURY 2 Part time cleaners - 16 hours per week 1 Kitchen Assistant - 36 + hours per week 1 Care Assistant - Full time For more information call Maralyn - Tel: 01227 721527 Email: cares@littlebournecarehome.co.uk
To apply/more information: Littlebourne House
Quoting Job Ref: kos
 Tel: 01227 721527
 Email cares@littlebournecarehome.co.uk

Care Assistant

Canterbury
Salary: TBA
 REQUIRED FOR CARE HOME IN CANTERBURY 2 Part time cleaners - 16 hours per week 1 Kitchen Assistant - 36 + hours per week 1 Care Assistant - Full time For more information call Maralyn - Tel: 01227 721527 Email: cares@littlebournecarehome.co.uk
To apply/more information: Littlebourne House
Quoting Job Ref: kos
 Tel: 01227 721527
 Email cares@littlebournecarehome.co.uk

Home Managers

Thanet
Salary: TBA
To apply/more information: Ethelbert Children's Services
Quoting Job Ref: kos
 Tel: 01843 823762
 Email jackie.branden@ethelberthomes.co.uk

CARE HOME MANAGER

Dover
Salary: TBA
To apply/more information: Applecroft Care Home
Quoting Job Ref: kos
 Tel: 01304 821331
 Email applications@kosmedia.co.uk

RGN/RMN

Dover
Salary: TBA
 Min Experience 2 Years after registration with NMC. Good Communication Skills Full Time or Part Time If Work Permit required, can be arranged Salary to be negotiated depending on experience. Please contact Kate Sheppard for more information. Applecroft Care Home Sanctuary Close River, Dover. CT1 OER Tel: 01304 821331 - Fax: 01304 821551
To apply/more information: Applecroft Care Home
Quoting Job Ref: kos
 Tel: 01304 821331
 Email applications@kosmedia.co.uk

Retail, Wholesale, Sales

Freelance Beauty/Colour Consultants

Faversham
Salary: TBA
To apply/more information: Take Action
Quoting Job Ref: kos
 Tel: 07818066594
 Email applications@kosmedia.co.uk

Car sales professional

Tonbridge
Salary: TBA
To apply/more information: Harwoods of Edenbridge
Quoting Job Ref: kos
 Tel: 01732 353 637
 Email gwlcox@harwoods.uk.com

Sales and Marketing Manager
Ashford

Salary: OTE £21k
Closing Date: 26th July 2009
To apply/more information: Bannatynes Fitness Club
Quoting Job Ref: kos
 Email robsnow@bannatynes.co.uk

Transport, Logistics, Aviation

LGV Dray Drivers

Dartford
Salary: £8.50/hr - £9.50/hr
 LGV C+E (HGV Class 1) and LGV C (HGV Class 2) drivers required to undertake deliveries of barrels, kegs and crates to licenced establishments throughout Kent, Sussex, Essex and London. Drivers will be accompanied by a drivers mate, who will assist with map reading, and the loading and unloading of goods. Hours of work are Monday to Friday and occasional weekends/bank holidays. Start times around 0500. LGV C+E : £9.50/hr, LGV C : £8.50/hr, guaranteed 10hrs per day Rates quoted are for PAYE. Limited Company drivers welcome.
To apply/more information: Andy or Alex
 Best Connection Agency
Quoting Job Ref: kos
 Tel: 01622 664999
 Email maidstone@thebestconnection.co.uk

HGV Fitter

Gravesend
Salary: £449.61 per week
Closing Date: 26 July 2009
To apply/more information: Gravesham Borough Council
Quoting Job Ref: VM/JH
 Tel: 01474 33 70 00
 Email customer.services@gravesham.gov.uk

LGV C (HGV2) Driver

Aylesford
Salary: £9.00 - £10.00 per hour
To apply/more information: Alex or Andy
 Best Connection Agency
Quoting Job Ref: kos
 Tel: 01622 664999
 Email maidstone@thebestconnection.co.uk

LGV C (HGV2) Hiab Drivers

Maidstone
Salary: £9.00 per hour
To apply/more information: Alex or Andy
 Best Connection Agency
Quoting Job Ref: kos
 Tel: 01622 664999
 Email maidstone@thebestconnection.co.uk

LGV C Driver

Dartford
Salary: £8.00 - £9.00 per hour
 LGV C (HGV2) Drivers required for various temporary assignments throughout Kent. Work available includes general haulage, multi-drop, cage work, roll on/roll off, gully emptying, dry delivery, weekdays and weekends. Areas covered include Maidstone, Medway, Dartford and Gravesend. Guaranteed 8 hours, pay rates from £8.00/hour. Limited Company drivers welcome.
To apply/more information: Alex or Andy
 Best Connection Agency
Quoting Job Ref: kos
 Tel: 01622 664999
 Email maidstone@thebestconnection.co.uk

PUBLIC NOTICES

Public Notice

KENT COUNTY COUNCIL HOUSEHOLD WASTE RECYCLING CENTRES

With effect from 20th July 2009

- The height barriers have been increased to 2 metres (6ft 6in) at all 18 Centres.
- Vehicles taller than 2 metres can use selected larger Centres on Wednesdays and Saturdays. (see list below*)
- Twin axle trailers are now only permitted at the Centres listed below* (with the exception of Maidstone) on all days of the week.
- It is not permitted to park any vehicle outside any of the Centres and carry waste in.

*Ashford, Canterbury, Dover, Gravesend, Maidstone, Margate, Sittingbourne and Tunbridge Wells Centres have open barriers on Wednesday and Saturday.

Waste will be checked and vehicles carrying business waste or weighing over 3500 kilograms will be refused entry.

For further information contact Kent County Council:

Tel 0845 345 0210
 Minicom 0845 824 7905
 Email kentwaste@kent.gov.uk
 Web www.kent.gov.uk/hwrc



KENT COUNTY COUNCIL - THE MARRIAGE ACT 1949 AND CIVIL PARTNERSHIP ACT 2004 APPROVED PREMISES FOR CIVIL MARRIAGES AND CIVIL PARTNERSHIPS

An application has been made by Ms Claire Hoolihan, The Three Mariners, 2 Church Road, Oare to Kent County Council, to grant an approval for a ceremony at this premise.
 The application and plan of the premises may be inspected at the address below during normal office hours. Any person may give notice in writing of an objection to the grant of an approval, together with the reasons, within 21 days from the date of this newspaper.
 Objections should be sent to the following address
 Giles Adey, Head of Registration,
 Invicta House, Maidstone, Kent ME14 1XX

Pursuant to Section 127 of the Local Government Act 1972, the Parish Councils of Ash-cum-Ridley and Hartley give notice of their intention to enter into a lease with EDF Energy Networks (SPN) plc in respect of a sub-station and easements at Northfield, Hartley.

Any objections should be sent in writing to either Mrs Alison de Jager, Clerk to Ash-cum-Ridley Parish Council at The Parish Office, Ash Green Sports Centre, Ash Road, New Ash Green, Longfield, Kent DA3 8JZ or Mrs Julie Hoad, Clerk to Hartley Parish Council at The Parish Council Office, Hartley Library, Ash Road, Hartley, Longfield, Kent DA3 8DL by no later than 5.00 p.m. on 7th August 2009.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Application for a New Premises Licence

I, Angela Margaret Darling of Tickham Cottage, Tickham Lane, Lynsted, Kent ME9 0HS hereby give notice that I have made an application to the Maidstone Borough Council, Maidstone House, King Street, Maidstone, Kent, ME15 6JQ for the grant of a new premises licence to permit the following licensable activities:
 1. For sale of alcohol by retail,
 2. The provision of regulated entertainment
 3. The provision of late night refreshment.
 In respect of the premises situated at Rose Yard, Maidstone, Kent, ME14 1HN known by the sign of Source Café Bar. The application can be viewed at the offices of Maidstone Borough Council, Maidstone House, King Street, Maidstone, Kent, ME15 6JQ during normal office hours.
 Any person wishing to make representation concerning this application should do so in writing to the above local authority and within 28 consecutive days of the submission of the application, that is no later than 10th August 2009.
 It is an offence knowingly or recklessly to make a false statement in connection with an application. Any person who makes a false statement is liable on summary conviction to a maximum fine of £5,000.

Stephen Thomas Law

8 Grassmere, Leybourne, West Malling, Kent ME19 5QP
 Authorised Agents for and on behalf of the applicants

Further and Higher Education Act 1992 The Learning and Skills Council

The Learning and Skills Council (LSC) hereby gives notice in accordance with the provisions of section 51 of the Further and Higher Education Act 1992 (the Act) of the proposal that the Secretary of State under section 27 of that Act should by order provide for the dissolution of the further education corporation of the **South Kent College** and the transfer of the property, rights and liabilities of that corporation.

Dissolution of the corporation is proposed, at the request of the corporation of **South Kent College**, in order that the college may merge with **West Kent College**. It is proposed that the property, rights and liabilities of the corporation be transferred to the corporation of **West Kent College**. The governing body of West Kent College is separately proposing to the Secretary of State that the name of the college be changed to Kent Invicta College.

The date proposed for the dissolution is **1st April 2010**

Provision will be made for all learners at **South Kent College** who have not completed their programmes of study by the date of the proposed dissolution to complete their studies with **West Kent College**, at the current **South Kent College** campuses at Ashford, Dover and Folkestone, Kent.

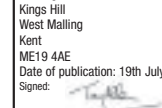
A copy of the proposal is available free of charge from the LSC and will be sent to any person who requests it.

In accordance with the provisions of section 51 of the Act, representations may be made to the Learning and Skills Council by **12 noon, Wednesday 9th September 2009**.

Representations should be made in writing to:
 Paul Sayers
 Partnership Director
 Learning and Skills Council Kent and Medway
 26 Kings Hill Avenue
 Kings Hill
 West Malling
 Kent

ME19 4AE
 Date of publication: 19th July 2009

Signed:



Tony Allen, Area Director for Learning and Skills Council

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Highways - District of Ashford

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL
(ROMDEN ROAD, SMARDEN) (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2009 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Notice is hereby given that because of the reconstruction of Barkley Bridge over a River Beult tributary, the Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting traffic on Romden Road, Smarden, between the junctions of Buffalo Lane and Wissenden Lane, on or after 20 July 2009, for an estimated period of 12 weeks or until the works are complete.

The alternative route for through traffic will be via Romden Road, Wissenden Lane, School Road, Ashford Road, Bull Lane, Smarden Road, Bethersden Road, Buckmans Green Lane, Romden Road.

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL
(HUNTER AVENUE, ASHFORD) (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2009 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Notice is hereby given that because of the installation of a new waste water pipeline, the Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting traffic on Hunter Avenue, Ashford, between the junctions of Twelve Acres and Hunter Close, on or after 20 July 2009, for an estimated period of two weeks or until the works are complete.

The alternative route for through traffic will be via Hunter Avenue, Osborne Road, Breadlands Road and Twelve Acres.

Highways - District of Canterbury

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL
(UPPER CHANTRY LANE AND OATEN HILL, CANTERBURY) (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2009 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Notice is hereby given that because duct installtion works are proposed to be carried out, the Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting Westbound through traffic on Upper Chantry Lane and Oaten Hill, Canterbury from or after 2nd August 2009 for an estimated period of 3 weeks or until the works are complete.

Specified Road	Dates	Length of road affected	Alternative routes
Upper Chantry Lane	2 August for 3 weeks	Closed to Westbound traffic only	St. Georges Place, Upper Bridge Street and Old Dover Road
Oaten Hill	2 August for 1 week	Closed to Westbound traffic only	Upper Chantry Lane
Cossington Road	2 August for 1 week	At junction with Oaten Hill	Old Dover Road and Oaten Hill

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL
(NORTH HOLMES ROAD, CANTERBURY) (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2009 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Notice is hereby given that because Gas Mains Replacement works are proposed to be carried out, the Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on North Holmes Road from the junction of St. Martin's Avenue to St. Martin's Hill on or after 20 July 2009 for an estimated period of 6 weeks or until the works are complete.

The alternative route for through traffic will be via North Holmes Road, Havelock Street, Monastery Street, Longport.

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL
(ST PETER'S STREET, CANTERBURY) (TEMPORARY TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT) TEMPORARY ORDER 2009 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Notice is hereby given that because works are proposed to be carried out from 3 August 2009 for a period not exceeding 18 months, the Kent County Council intends to make an Order that the restriction that prohibits its vehicles from turning from St Peter's Place into St Peter's Street shall be temporarily suspended as and when the No Entry sign(s) at the northern end of St Peter's Street are covered over and not on display.

This temporary removal of this restriction has been introduced to permit construction vehicles to access the Marlow Theatre site along the shortest route from the main road network.

The normal restrictions of the pedestrian zone will still apply during this construction period, except for permit holders.

At the end of 18 months this notice may be extended for a further period.

Highways - District of Dover

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL
(VARIOUS ROADS, DOVER) (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2009 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Notice is hereby given that because Footway works are proposed to be carried out, the Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting traffic on Various roads, Dover from as described in column 1 of the attached schedule on or after 20 July 2009 for an estimated period of as described in column 3 of the attached schedule or until such works are complete.

The alternative route for through traffic will be via as described in column 2 of the attached schedule.

The Affected Route	The Alternative Route	Date & Times of Road Closure
Tower Hamlets Road Whole length	A256 High Street, London Road, Buckland Avenue, Barton Road, Frith Road, Charlton Green, Maison Dieu Road, Eastbrook Place, Woolcomber Street, A20 Townwall Street, York Street, B2011 Folkestone Road, Elms Vale Road, Eaton Road, Astor Avenue and Tower Street	20 July 2009 for four weeks
Tower Street Whole length	West Street, Widred Road, Edred Road, Noah's Ark Terrace, Goschen Road and Astor Avenue	10 August 2009 for three weeks

This order will come into force on Monday 20 July 2009, will be in operation when the appropriate signs are erected, and will remain valid for a maximum period of eighteen months. The order will allow the above-mentioned restrictions to be implemented as and when required for works of a similar nature at any time for the duration of the order.

Highways - Borough of Maidstone

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL
(STILEBRIDGE LANE, MARDEN) (PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2009 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

NOTICE is hereby given that because works are proposed to be carried out on or near a road the Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting the use by through traffic on Stilebridge Lane, Marden from the junction of Staplehurst Road to Stilebridge Barn on or after Monday 20th July 2009 for a period of up to 1 week or until such works are completed.

The alternative route for the route described above is for westbound traffic via A229 Staplehurst Road, B2079 Maidstone Road, Underlyn Lane, Stilebridge Lane and for eastbound traffic vice versa.

BT Openreach apologise for any inconvenience caused by these essential works, which are necessary for cabling works in the area. Should you require any further information about these works, their contact is Neill Dryland of McNicholas Construction on 01795 437805.

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL
(VARIOUS ROADS, MAIDSTONE) (PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC ORDER) TEMPORARY ORDER 2009 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

NOTICE is hereby given that because works are proposed to be carried out on or near a road the Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting the use by through traffic on the routes described in Column 1 of the Schedule hereto.

The alternative route for each route described in Column 1 of the Schedule hereto is described in Column 3 of that Schedule. Access will be maintained up to the points of closure.

The Order will come into operation on Monday 3rd August 2009 and will be valid for a maximum period of up to 5 months or until the works have been completed, whichever is sooner. The anticipated dates of works are listed in column 1.

Specified Road and Proposed Start Date and Duration	The Section affected	The alternative routes
Albion Place 3rd August 2009 for a duration of 14 days	Between King Street and Brooks Place	Via King Street, Queen Anne Road, Brooks Place
Albion Place 17th August 2009 for a duration of 14 days	Between Brooks Place and A249 Albion Place	Via Brooks Place, Queen Anne Road, Union Street, Sittingbourne Road, Albion Place, Andrew Broughton Way, Ashford Road, King Street
Watt Tyler Way 31st August 2009 for a duration of 3 nights	A249 between southern end of northbound slip road and junction Albion Place	Via King Street, Albion Place
Square Hill Road 30th November 2009 for a duration of 21 days	From junction with Ashford Road 25m south	Via Ashford Road, Watt Tyler Way, Mote Road
Church Street 11th January 2010 for a duration of 7 days	Between entrance and exit ramps of public car park	Via Marsham Street, Wyatt Street, Union Street, Sittingbourne Road, Andrew Broughton Way, Ashford Road, King Street

Southern Gas Networks apologise for any inconvenience caused by these essential works, which are necessary for gas mains replacement. Should you require any further information about these works, the contact is John Adsley on 07774 983419.

Highways - District of Sevenoaks

KENT COUNTY COUNCIL
CHART LANE, BRASTED (TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2009 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Notice is hereby given that owing to the likelihood of danger to the public whilst works are carried out on or near the highway the Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting the use by vehicular traffic on Chart Lane, Brasted between its junctions with Emmetts Lane to A25 Main Road/High Street Brasted.

The Order will become effective on 3rd August 2009, will be in operation and remain valid for a maximum period of 18 months, the works are planned to last 8 days. These restrictions will be effective when the appropriate signage is in place. The alternative routes for the route described above will be via:

Local Traffic Diverted via: Emmets Lane, New Road, A25 Main Road

Main Diversion via: B2042 Green lane, B269 Pootings Road, Spout lane, B2026 Hosey Common Road / Hosey Hill, A25 Brasted Road / Westerham Road.

The purpose of the closure is to facilitate the installation of a sewer connection.

Highways - District of Shepway

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL
(PAY STREET, ACRISE) (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2009 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Notice is hereby given that because drainage and carriageway maintenance works are proposed to be carried out, the Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting traffic on Pay Street, Acrise from the junction of School Road to outside and opposite the property known as Roods Meadow on 20 July 2009 for an estimated period of 5 days or until such works are complete.

The Order will remain valid for a maximum period of 18 months.

The alternative route for through traffic will be via School Road, Coach Road and Pay Street (Swingfield).

Highways - District of Swale

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL
(SWANSTREE AVENUE, SITTINGBOURNE) (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2009 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Notice is hereby given that because of modifications to the road junction, the Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting traffic on Swanstree Avenue, Sittingbourne, at the junction with Canterbury Road, on or after 20 July 2009 for an estimated period of 6 weeks or until the works are complete.

The alternative route for through traffic will be via Canterbury Road, Rectory Road and Swanstree Avenue.

Highways - District of Thanet

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL
(NEWINGTON ROAD, RAMSGATE) (PROHIBITION OF PEDESTRIANS) TEMPORARY ORDER 2009 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Notice is hereby given that because gas main replacement works are proposed to be carried out, the Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting traffic on Newington Road, Ramsgate from footpath outside Nos 172-228 Newington Road on or after 20 July 2009 for an estimated period of six weeks or until such works are complete.

The Order will remain valid for a maximum period of 18 months.

The alternative route for pedestrians will be advised by the appropriate on site signage.

Highways - Borough of Tunbridge Wells

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL
(A26 LONDON ROAD, MAJOR YORKS ROAD & CASTLE ROAD, TUNBRIDGE WELLS) (PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC AND WAITING ORDER) (SUSPENSION OF ONE WAY ORDER) TEMPORARY ORDER 2009 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

NOTICE is hereby given that because works are proposed to be carried out on or near a road the Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting the use by through traffic on A26 London Road, Tunbridge Wells between the junctions of Nevill Street and Major Yorks Road and there will be temporary prohibition of waiting on Major Yorks Road for its entire length on both sides on or after Monday 20th July 2009 for a period of up to 6 weeks or until such works are completed.

The one way order on Castle Road is temporarily suspended during the closure to allow for access.

The alternative route for the route described above is for HGV traffic via A26 Nevill Street, Frant Road, Bunny Lane, Eridge Road and for local traffic and buses via A26 London Road, Church Road, Mount Ephraim, Major Yorks Road. Also local diversions via other roads will be in place during the restriction.

Southern Gas Networks apologise for any inconvenience caused by these essential works, which are necessary for gas mains replacement.

Should you require any further information about these works, the contact is John Adsley on 07774 983419.



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Prius glides into third generation

By **STEVE LOADER**

TOYOTA launches a third generation Prius on August 1, confident the hybrid has evolved from curiosity into mainstream product.

Even before global warming and recession hit the front pages, the second generation of the petrol-electric car had become a common choice for British private car buyers and company 'user choosers'.

Though still pricey, longer-term economy and taxation benefits of the hybrid were not lost on many people and there was no need to sacrifice creature comforts; the second generation car was a perfectly usable five-door family hatchback and its successor promises even more functionality and style.

Toyota committed to more environmentally-friendly cars in 1992, and progressed most powertrains – its conventional petrol designs recently had an 'Optimal Drive' technology overhaul to boost power and economy while lowering emissions.

But the Japanese car giant has become best known for its Hybrid Synergy Drive (HSD) and three generations of Prius – the Mark III will have 35 per cent more power and 23 and 25 per cent better fuel consumption and CO2 emissions than the original.

Toyota's confidence in the system – and its profitability, no doubt – has also drawn a



pledge that all Toyotas will be available with a hybrid power option by 2020.

The Prius project – the name is Latin for 'to go before' – began in 1994, and a production model arrived in 1997, with a UK debut in 2000 (pictured above).

However, the Mark I's frumpy four-door styling didn't help the Prius overcome market ambivalence, but a more contemporary five-door Mark II arrived here in 2003, just as people were waking up to eco motoring.

The even smarter looking replacement (from £18,370) has a 1.8-litre petrol engine in place of the former 1.5 unit, giving a 24 per cent power boost to 134bhp when working in tandem with the car's electric motor.

This gives equivalent performance to a conventional 2.0-litre family car such as Toyota's own Avenis, but the real reason for the bigger engine – balanced by a 90 per cent re-engi-

neering and lightening of the whole hybrid powertrain – is to address the Mark II's Achilles heel. This was poor motorway fuel consumption; the Prius made an excellent low-emission family car in urban use, but the on-board computer told the opposite story on a high speed long-haul journey – as Driving's own road tests showed.

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Honda owns up with early demise of FR-V

HONDA took a long look at the midi MPV sector before launching the FR-V in 2004, with an unusual 3+3 configuration.

I was not alone in liking the layout, which allowed a young child to sit upfront with mum and dad, thanks to a middle seat that could be staggered backwards for extra safety.

But Honda's typically thoughtful six-seat layout and compact design came to nothing in the end – the Japanese production line closes in August.

Ironically, this should now trigger exceptional deals, since pricing

was always part of the FR-V problem, especially when Fiat already had the much cheaper Multipla on the market.

Honda also acknowledges its own contribution to the car's downfall by making such a success of the Jazz supermini/MPV.

FR-V prices start at £16,700, though the 2.2-litre diesel (from £18,000) is the one to go for.

• Honda says it will not only build a production version of its stunning Alfa Spider-esque CR-Z hybrid coupé concept, but also bring it to the UK, possibly as early as 2010.

Five grand cut says Coupé for the chop

HYUNDAI has effectively pronounced the death sentence on its affordable Coupé model with astonishing summer discounts of up to £5,000 – industry code for a production run out sale.

Prices now start at £12,995 – £2,000 less than the first generation car cost when launched in 1996 – and on a par with many superminis.

However, few of these will come with the Coupé's leather upholstery, climate control, 17-inch alloys, twin exhausts, cruise control and heated front seats.

Top deal though is the lavishly discounted (£5,220 off) and equipped TSiII (pictured) with its smoked alloys, quad exhausts, big boot spoiler, quilted leather sports seats and Eibach sport springs – now £14,295.



PEUGEOT has confirmed it will sell a production version of the Audi TT-style coupé show concept unveiled to rave reviews in 2007.

With impressive speed, Peugeot engineers have created a production 308RCZ on sale next spring and just the glamour car the French marque needs to aid a drive upmarket.

The compact 2+2 coupé – don't expect too much from the '42' – is the first model not to use Peugeot's usual zero or

French TT challenger

double-zero numbering system, which also hints at a brand re-positioning.

As you can see from this cropped picture, Peugeot aims to create an air of exclusivity and mystery about the RCZ ahead of launch, but it will be much cheaper than the TT – the German star starts at £25,000.



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Motability

New Jag XJ ends Groundhog Day

by
STEVE LOADER

JAGUAR'S radical new XJ flagship might have divided fans, but it has probably also rescued the big cat from extinction.

There was huge pressure on the British executive brand to stick to the classic twin headlight/square grille saloon styling introduced by the lardy Mark X (1961) – the widest Jag ever produced in any numbers.

This front-end format was then crystallised by the original XJ6 (1968), a lovely car but, with hindsight, a styling strait jacket; Jaguar tried a faint-hearted wriggle in 1986 with square headlamps on the XJ40 – though, strangely, retaining twins for the poverty spec model.

But this move sparked such criticism from enthusiasts that the brand slumped into a Groundhog Day cycle of retro repetition, highlighted by XJ styling for the smaller X-Type and an unashamedly nostalgic twin-lamp S-Type in 1999.

You sensed the frustration at Ford, which bought the company in 1989, and poured in huge sums to sort out inefficiency and erratic quality, but never arrested a catastrophic sales decline or dispelled the perception that Jaguar was an 'old man's brand'.

The American car giant will be even more frustrated now after selling the brand to Tata last year and watching the Indian conglomerate reap the benefits of Ford investment.

The turning point actually came a while back when management stopped listening to former buyers, many of whom were starting to



fall off their perches, and signed off last year's XF replacement for the S-Type, marking a clear change of style and an upsurge in sales.

The XF is a spiritual successor to the classic Mark II of the 1960s; as much four-door coupé as saloon and in keeping with the 'grace, space and pace' of early Jag marketing, while highlighting how far the brand had strayed up the blind alley of retro styling.

And now we have a new XJ using similar design language and showing all the muscle that made Jaguar big in the first place under the post-World War Two brilliance of its pio-

neering founder Sir William Lyons.

Jaguar design chief Ian Callum can rightly claim: "The new XJ is a thoroughly modern interpretation of the quintessential Jaguar. Its visual impact stems from the elongated teardrop shape of the car's side windows, that powerful stance and its wide track."

After one of the most successful secrecy campaigns ever seen by the notoriously transparent motor industry, where 'spy shots' and sneak previews are all too common, the latest XJ broke cover at a celebrity event hosted by American chat show star and self-confessed

car nut Jay Leno. Once revealed though, you wonder why Jaguar needed all the secrecy and razzamatazz – it looks good enough anyway to persuade anyone with the cash to think again about buying German.

It is an engineering tour de force too, with an all-aluminium body – 50 per cent recycled – available on a standard or long wheelbase.

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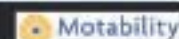
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SLK rises above the



RATHER like the TV ads for the current Mercedes-Benz SLK that saw it racing ahead of forbidding storm clouds, the German roadster now finds itself being chased hard for real.

For it has lost its unique selling point in the two-seater sector: the electric folding hardtop that appeared on the first generation car in 1996, and was then carried over to its 2004 replacement.

Mazda now produces a MX-5 CC (Coupé Convertible) for a lot less cash, while an all-new version of the BMW Z4 arch-enemy arrived this year with a folding 'tin lid', albeit with similarly questionable styling to that of the previous car.

And though Audi has, for the moment, ignored folding hardtops, the TT roadster remains a powerful threat while Porsche's Boxster is still the most aspirational car in the whole sector.

It used to be so much easier for the SLK; the folding roof's extra security and all-year weather protection did much to counter the original SLK's limp driving experience and then became a brilliant bonus for its far superior and sharper-suited successor.

The sleek two-seater has been helped by a neat facelift in 2008, retaining the McLaren Mercedes SLR supercar 'nacelle' front end and lovely upswept side profile, while gaining muscular cosmetic touches.

The interior is well arranged, though starting to look cheaper as newer rivals emerge; the 200 Kompressor entry model wears it better than the £36,580 3.5-litre version tested here

DrivingReview



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MercedesSLK

— especially when extras can easily take the final bill to more than £50,000.

But you forgive lots when you walk out to the SLK; it looks like it is moving when standing still and is easy to get into even if you have waited a long time to realise a two-seat dream.

Once in motion, it feels solid even with roof down and the wind deflector — £210 extra, I'm afraid — and side windows allow easy conversation even at the legal motorway limit.

For the SLK is that rare sports car truly suited to a long-distance business meeting or weekend away; there is room for two decent-size soft bags — capacity drops from 300 to 208 litres when the roof is retracted — and plenty of stowage inside the cabin.

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hardtop challenge



The £200 'Direct Steering' pack on our car made the wheel a bit light and I was caught out initially by the over-responsiveness, but the SLK's rear-driven chassis is beautifully-weighted and the optional sports chassis (£185) hugs even tighter to corners, yet ride quality is excellent for this category.

Past experience shows the test car's 303bhp 3,498cc V6 is probably the best all-round power option and sounds meaty enough, but the 227g/km CO2 emissions does pitch it into the

maximum road tax bracket, but what does that matter to someone shopping for a car like this unless they have a guilty (green) conscience?

Mind you, the SLK 200 Kompressor and awesome 5.5-litre V8 AMG mount strong arguments too – the former is well-priced (£29,445) yet no slouch, while the £51,585 AMG's sound and sheer power is seductive if you can afford it or don't give a hoot about global warming... or the neighbours' opinion about it either.

The 350's smooth V6 does, however, feel blunted by the £1,575 seven-speed auto transmission.

It changes smoothly even under hard acceleration, matching the manual's sprint to 62mph in 5.4 seconds. It can also be driven in manual mode, but I wonder if the engine might be liberated more by the standard-fit manual 'box.

Whatever the engine choice though, it is perhaps time to look beyond the SLK's once unique roof system and now appreciate the car for what it is: the smartest and best all-round roadster.

DrivingStats

- Mercedes-Benz SLK 350 SE £36,580
- Range: £29,445-51,585
- Garage stats: 4.1m by 1.77 two-seat roadster
- Powertrain: 3,498cc/305bhp V6 petrol engine driving rear wheels through a six-speed manual gearbox
- Performance: top speed 155mph and 0-62 in 5.4 seconds
- How green?: road tax band-L (£405/yr) CO2 emissions 227g/km
- Official fuel figures: combined 29.1mpg
- Fuel tank: 70 litres/17.4 gallons
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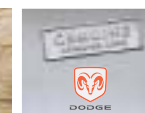
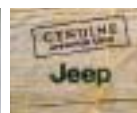
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Packing more of a punch

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A STORAGE and distribution specialist is at the centre of a new partnership which will create more than two dozen new jobs, as well as making a big environmental impact on the food manufacturing industry.

Lenham Storage – based in the village which lends its name to the firm, between Maidstone and Ashford – is welcoming leading UK contract packer Mailway Packing Solutions to its headquarters in Ham Lane at the start of next month.

The link promises to stop unnecessary miles being clocked up by food manufacturers as newly-formed Mailway Southern will offer specialist packing, storage and distribution solutions to customers, all from under one roof.

New premises were developed by Mailway on Lenham's existing site in a bid to cut out the 500-mile round trip which is often undertaken by products during the packing process.

Until now, products stored by the Kent firm had to be driven to be packed at Mailway's premises in Bradford, West Yorkshire, before being transported back to Lenham to be dis-

**ONE ROOF:** More jobs and fewer food miles will result from the new Lenham partnership

tributed around the country. Mailway's commercial director, Steve Whitehouse, said:

"Finding ways of lessening the environmental impact of any production process is high on

every manufacturer's agenda, and when it comes to food miles, the fewer clocked up the better. With our advanced contract packing capabilities and Lenham's storage and distribution expertise under one roof, Mailway Southern will provide a service with the kind of green credentials that will be hard to ignore."

Keith Abrehart, managing director of Lenham Storage, said: "As well as the beneficial impact the business will have on reducing food miles, it does need to be highlighted that Mailway Southern will also help cut costs without any sacrifice in the quality of service."

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"This being achieved by having everything under one roof rather than having to contend with the costly and logistically difficult process of transporting goods from storage to packer, back to storage and then on to the distributor."

Lenham Storage is a family-owned business which was founded in 1946, employs more than 450 and boasts a fleet of 260 vehicles and trailers.

Twenty-five new positions are being created by Mailway.

Lenham Storage – which has another site in Andover, Hampshire – will continue to trade under its existing name.



Influx of visitors sweetens the pill for Eurostar

EUROSTAR is the latest firm to be hit by the recession, with a drop in business passengers and ticket sales.

The provider of the high-speed service to France and Belgium has seen a seven per cent drop in sales overall in the first six months of the year.

Bosses have put the loss down to the economic slowdown and a fire in the Channel Tunnel which led to a reduced service for the first seven weeks of the

year. However, leisure ticket sales were up four per cent on last year, following a surge in inbound travel to the UK.

The latest figures released by Eurostar also show services achieved record punctuality, with 95.7 per cent of trains reaching their destination on time.

Chief executive Richard Brown said: "As with all businesses in the transport sector, we have long acknowledged

that we would face challenging times this year.

"Some of our biggest business clients are from the financial and banking sectors, and it follows that as they tighten their travel budgets we feel the effects.

"We continue to seek ways to reduce costs and increase efficiency. Despite market conditions, we still have reason to be optimistic. We are benefiting from the strong euro and seeing substantial

increases in travellers from Belgium, France, Germany and the Netherlands, which is also helping the UK economy."

Ticket sales between January and June totalled £342.2 million, a decrease of seven per cent against the same period in 2008.

Traveller numbers reached 4.34 million, six per cent below the 4.63 million who travelled during the same period in 2008, but still 11 per cent up on 2007.

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Government review to address problems faced by our ageing society

The workable solution must be fighting shy of retirement

WORKERS could be allowed to stay in their jobs past the age of 65 as part of plans to deal with the problems presented by Britain's ageing society.

The Government has brought forward a review of the default retirement age from 2011 to next year – a move which could see an increase to the arbitrary retirement age or more discretion handed to employers to decide when they let staff go.

The news comes in the same week as two separate court challenges to the official policy on older employees. The policy which allows employers to dismiss staff solely on the grounds of age when they hit 65 will be challenged in the High Court by Kent solicitor Leslie Seldon.

The Bidborough man claims he is being discriminated against by being forced to retire, despite being fit and keen to work. Increased life expectancy, low birth rate and falling pension funds are creating unprecedented problems for the Government. The number of pensioners in Britain is now higher than the number of children and as the population ages there will be even fewer workers paying into the pot to cover their state pension and healthcare costs.

It is estimated that without action there will be a £6 billion shortfall within 20 years.

Another factor is the majority of firms have scrapped final salary pension schemes leaving millions of workers with limited resources on which to live in old age.

Current rules mean the pension age for women will rise to 65, the same as for men, by 2020 and is scheduled to reach 68 for men and women by 2046.

Angela Eagle, the pensions minister, said: "It's time to look again at this. Some people prefer to take early retirement, others prefer to keep working. We want to give older people flexible retirement options."

"As Britain's demographics change, it's sensible that we have the debate on what works for business and individuals. The retirement laws need to reflect modern social and economic circumstances."

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The newly-merged Age Concern and Help the Aged is backing bringing the decision forward, but has urged the Government to abandon the rule which prevents people from working simply because of their age.

Currently anyone can ask their employer to allow them to work past 65, and research carried out by the Confederation of British Industry (CBI) revealed 81 per cent of these requests were accepted.

A spokesman said: "This shows companies don't want to lose good people, whatever their age."

Malcolm Hyde, CBI regional director, said: "Having a default retirement age helps staff begin the process of deciding when it's right to retire, and helps firms plan ahead with more confidence."

"With many businesses under pressure, uncertainty over possible changes to the retirement age is just another unwelcome issue the Government is forcing them to consider. Many people can happily work in their existing job beyond the age of 65, but this is not possible for all occupations, and companies, especially the smaller ones, often have particular problems adapting jobs to the needs of older workers."

"The key issue in this whole debate is finding a workable alternative to the default retirement age for employers and businesses."

Frazer Thompson, chairman of Kent Institute of Directors, said: "I think it may put pressure on those who have carefully worked out succession plans, and although it will put further pressure on the unemployment numbers of graduates to Neets further down the chain, business

needs to retain experience.

"Every individual business circumstance will be different, but adding employment flexibility is never a bad thing for leaders."



WORKING LATE: Not everyone wants to retire at 65 – as illustrated by a High Court challenge brought by a Kent solicitor. Other employees may not be so happy at being asked to retire later than expected



PRESSURE: Malcolm Hyde, above, of the CBI; and Frazer Thompson, below, of Kent IoD





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Potential for disruption

PLAN, plan, plan! Some management planning now might reduce the impact of any future outbreak of swine flu on a business. The main practical issue at present for employers is continuity of business.

This involves:

- Coping with employee absence – not only those who are infected but also those who have to take time off to look after infected dependants, or dependants whose schools have been closed, for example.
- Reducing the risk of flu coming into and affecting the workplace.
- Dealing with disruption if a key supplier is hit. Businesses with suppliers and customers overseas may be affected if that country is hit, even if the UK is not.

Action points for employers

From a human resources perspective, employers should:

- Communicate with staff about the current health risks and ensure systems of communication with staff are reliable. If you can warn staff now about possible reactions should there be an outbreak, this will reduce concern later on.
- Review hygiene practices and improve these, where necessary. For example, cleaning of hard surfaces, particularly phones and door handles, may have to be intensified.
- Have contingency plans for staff absence. Identify key staff and know whose skills are interchangeable.
- Review relevant policies such as sickness, absence or dependent leave policies and consider how these might need to be modified. For example, most contracts state employees should return to work once they feel fit, but a sufferer of swine flu should not return to work until certified fit by a doctor.

- Consider putting in place arrangements for home-working or travel bans, should this become necessary. Again, communicate this to employees now.

To work from home requires an employee's contract to permit this. Changing the terms of the contract unilaterally is a breach of contract and there may well not be time to consult with trade unions.

But if employees are warned about this in advance, should the need arise, they will not be surprised by the change to their contracts.

- Ask employees to report to HR if they have flu-like symptoms or feel unwell and have travelled to Mexico or any other area considered high risk by the World Health Organisation.
- If businesses regularly send employees overseas, think about

Swine flu is here and it's not going away. But with daily stories in the media increasing concern about the rising number of cases, what do we really know about the H1N1 virus and its affect on business?

DARREN STEVENS, a partner at Maidstone solicitors Brachers, gives advice to business owners on how to deal with the inevitable spread of the virus

curtailing this. If this is not possible, consider special measures to protect employees travelling abroad and check whether your travel insurance will still cover them if they are affected by the pandemic.

Changing Cultures

Employers may simply need to reconsider their business culture. Staff absence is the key problem for employers at present and certainly those employers who have an attitude of encouraging staff to "struggle in" will need to change.

With a pandemic the emphasis must be on staying at home and sending staff home as soon as they develop symptoms. Well advertised sickness policies which state that anyone showing symptoms will be sent home also encourage those who are worried about coming in to the office that the workplace is relatively safe. Like it or not, employers are also potentially going to have to be more generous about giving employees time off work to care for dependants.

This will almost certainly produce conflict between employers and staff about how much time they can have off and whether this leave should be paid.



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The National Pandemic Flu Service is due to go live this month, with the service designed to take pressure off GP surgeries and hospitals. Potential sufferers will be able to go online or call a hotline to check their symptoms and receive a diagnosis and will receive a voucher which they or a friend or relative can use to pick up antiviral medicines from a local collection centre like a pharmacy. In the meantime people should contact their GP immediately if they think they have symptoms of swine flu.

Symptoms include:

- Fever
- Shortness of breath
- Headache
- Tiredness
- Chills
- Muscle aches
- Sore throat
- Runny nose
- Sneezing
- Loss of appetite

The time between contact with the virus and the onset of symptoms is normally two to three days.

People are most infectious shortly after they develop symptoms; they can spread the virus in coughs and sneezes for up to a week.

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• Put up signs reminding staff and visitors of the signs and symptoms of flu and stress the importance of self-isolation and hygiene at all times.

Disposable tissues should be used to catch coughs and sneezes while handkerchiefs and reusing tissues should be avoided as they lead to contaminated pockets and handbags which then recontaminate hands whenever they are used.

Surfaces should be cleaned frequently and thought should be given to introducing handrubs at entrances used by customers or visitors. Everyone should wash their hands regularly, even using soap and water, in a bid to prevent the spread of the virus.

• Consider alternatives to meetings and visits – such as telephone calls and video conferences – and try and stay more than a metre away from other people.

• Consider staggering lunch breaks in an attempt to minimise interactions between staff and reducing the number of people in enclosed spaces.

• If practical, consider allowing staff to work from home.

• If someone does feel unwell or starts displaying symptoms while at work, it is important that they don't simply carry on working.

• Affected workers should inform their superiors before going home and stay away until fully recovered.

Employers are going to have to use their discretion to answer these questions but whenever discretion comes into play, employers are vulnerable to claims of discrimination – be warned that this may happen. Try to be consistent.

Compensation

Most business interruption insurance does not cover loss arising from a flu pandemic, so check the terms and conditions of your insurance to see whether you are covered. In terms of government compensation, the Public Health Act sets out limited circumstances where compensation may be payable for direct losses caused to businesses by government action.

So if the government or local authorities are forced to make emergency regulations due to a pandemic, businesses will most probably be able to seek compensation if goods or services were procured at short notice.

However, other than in specific circumstances – and these will only be used as a last resort – there is unlikely to be any government compensation scheme for losses suffered by businesses as a result of a pandemic.

The Department of Health and the Health and Safety Executive have produced reports and articles on how businesses should prepare for a pandemic, which may also be of use to you

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THE Maidstone branch of Swedish bank Handelsbanken has appointed David Kiernan, pictured left, as its new manager.

Mr Kiernan joins the bank – which also has branches in Dartford and Tunbridge Wells – on Monday after 31 years in banking in Kent.

He said: “After the turmoil in the banking sector over the last nine months, I was looking for a fresh start. The timing could not have been better for me.”

Current manager Jonathan Watson, who will take on a corporate manager role, said: “We are looking forward to welcoming David into the team. He is highly respected and will

add hugely to the already strong offering we have in Maidstone.”

SANTANDER Corporate Banking has named its new regional director for the South East as Gwyn Price, pictured right.

The former RBS and NatWest executive has almost 30 years’ experience and will be responsible for the bank’s regional corporate banking team in Kent.

Mr Price said: “There’s a real need in the region for a bank to get on the front foot with well-run, viable businesses that need financial support and solutions.”



Taxed by Darling’s rules

AFTER this year’s budget, Chancellor of the Exchequer Alistair Darling proposed new rules removing tax relief on pension contributions for high earners.

From April, 2011, high-earners – and by this we mean those whose total income is over £150,000 – will have tax relief at marginal rates removed until earnings reach around £180,000, at which point they will benefit from just 20 per cent tax relief at source.

From April 22 this year, anyone with high earnings is subject to anti-forestalling measures, to make sure they don’t abuse the current rules before 2011.

Following several changes to the proposals, as is usual with this Government, HM



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Revenue and Customs has published a list of questions and answers to help people understand how and whether they will be affected when making contributions over the next couple of years.

Typically, this issue is not straightforward. If you are a high-earner and have

been making significant pension contributions over recent years, then you may be able to continue with these unaffected to 2011, as long as the contributions fit a regular pattern.

Also if the contributions are below £30,000. If the contributions fit a regular pattern, they will be designated as protected pension input (PPI) and you will receive tax relief on them in full.

To be protected, there must be a certain regularity to the payments that have been made. Where there is a regularity but the amounts differ, then HMRC can take the median contribution as the PPI figure. Increases to contributions – because they are salary related – can be protected.

But discretionary increases to contributions’ amounts will not be protected.

While these changes are not likely to affect the majority of pension savers, for those it does affect it will be significant and they are likely to need advice, either from a pensions adviser or their accountant.

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ABBEY

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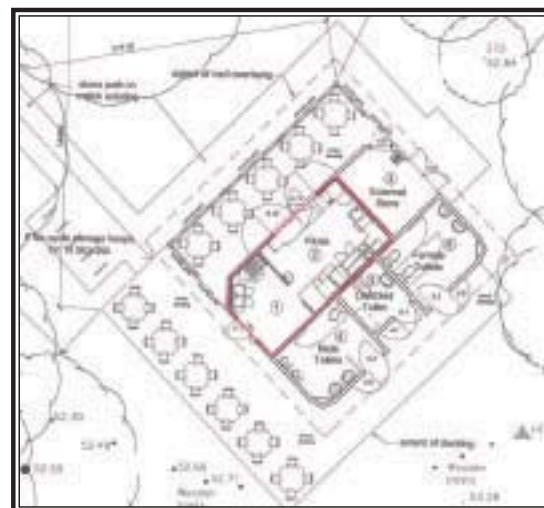
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September 24, focuses on avoiding and resolving workplace disputes and avoiding discrimination.

James Speck, site director at Kent Science Park, said: "In the current climate, where every business is looking at how best to manage its workforce, these practical sessions will, thanks to the expertise of Brachers Law, give an invaluable insight into the complex world of employment law."

The sessions cost £10 each, or £5 for members of the Thames Gateway Chamber. To book, call 01795 411500 or email jen@imm-uk.com.



Debbie saddles up for England

A CANTERBURY businesswoman will swap her swivel chair for a saddle when she represents England in an international cycling competition next month.

Debbie Cole, business director of marketing firm An Agency Called England, based in Orchard Street, is taking part in the UCI Masters world cross-country mountain biking championships in the French Alps. Mrs Cole - who cycles 17 miles to work each day - is the veteran cross-country mountain biking national champion and is leading the grand veteran category in the British mountain biking series.

Mrs Cole, who cycles under her married name Burton, said: "There's a similarity with racing on the bike and working successfully for clients. It involves the same focus, the same determination and the same desire to succeed."



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ON TRIAL: Jordan Parkes (left) impressed

Stimson looks to delve into loan market for defender

GILLINGHAM are in talks with two League One clubs about loan moves for centre-backs to help improve the squad's defensive options.

Recruiting a new defender is a priority for manager Mark Stimson, who only has Simon King and Garry Richards as senior specialist central defenders in the squad.

Trialists Chris McCready and Aaron Brown were released this week after failing to make the grade.

Stimson has found it difficult to find the right players and now believes a loan deal could be the answer.

He said: "There aren't many good centre-halves out there if I'm honest. It may be we have to go down the loan route with a younger player like we did last year with Leigh Mills. "There are a couple of people out there we're looking at, but again it's down to finances."

The Gills made enquiries this week about two potential targets who are at League One clubs. They hope to bring at least one in during pre-season to have a closer look before attempting to arrange a longer deal.

If the efforts fail one option is 19-year-old Tom Wynter, who has impressed his manager so far in pre-season.

Stimson said: "I haven't got a problem putting Tom in. He's matured over the last six months on loan at a couple of places and he's come back at the end of the season a different player."

The Gills are keen to turn midfielder Rashid Yussuf's trial into a permanent deal after impressing, while full-backs Jordan Parkes and Sam Long have played their way into contention for a longer stay at Priestfield.

The club are still waiting for an answer on a bid they made more than a week ago to a League One club for a striker.

Overall looking for more speed despite UK title

SCOTT Overall may have scooped the 5,000m national title, but a place in the Great Britain team for the World Athletics Championships remains in the balance.

The Blackheath & Bromley runner picked up his first national title at the World Athletic Trials in Birmingham last weekend. Overall posted a time of 13 minutes and 57 seconds to blitz the competition and win the event.

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He told Kent on Sunday: "I knew I had a good chance especially with my main rivals not competing. Last year I finished second so it wasn't a shock when I crossed the line.

"It is certainly up there as one of my best achievements though. Up until last weekend I would have said I have had a poor season, but this win changes it for sure."

Despite the title win, the 26-year-old is not guaranteed a spot for the World Championships in Berlin next month until he can run the qualifying time of 13 minutes and 20 seconds.

By TOM HOWARD

At the moment Overall possesses a 'B' standard qualifying time from last year and has until August 3 to run either a B or A standard in time for the championships.

Each nation can only name one athlete with a B standard qualifying time in their squad for the championships.

This weekend Overall is heading to Huesden in Belgium to try and run at least a B standard time of 13 minutes 29 seconds, which he believes is within his grasp.

He said: "I think it is possible for me to get the time. It is my main task in Belgium, but if the worst comes to the worst and I don't make it, I will have to do it at the Crystal Palace London Grand Prix later this month."

Fellow Blackheath & Bromley athlete Montell Douglas increased her chances of making the British team for Berlin by finishing third in the 100m final at the trials in Birmingham.

The 23-year-old, who grew up in Chatham, is competing in Spain this weekend.



Picture: ADY KERRY

WINNER: Scott Overall in the 5,000m

Trio make GB squad for world title shot

THREE Kent rowers will compete for Great Britain next month after being included in the squad for the World Championships.

Tom Solesbury, Dan Ritchie and Tom Ransley are all selected for the men's eight at the regatta in Poznan, Poland.

At 28, Petts Wood's Solesbury is the most experienced of the three and has competed at the annual championships before, winning a bronze medal in 2007.

Ransley, 23, has rowed for Cambridge in the University Boat Race for the last two years. The Ashford-born student has also taken part in the under-23 World Championships.

Ritchie, 22, is the most inexperienced and has only graduated to the senior squad this season. The Herne Bay rower was part of the men's four which came sixth at the under-23 World Championships last year.

All three men were in the boat last week-



Pictures: PETER SPURRIER/GB ROWING



IN THE CHAIR: Tom Ransley, (far left), Tom Solesbury (centre) and Dan Ritchie (left) have made the GB squad for the World Championships

end which finished fourth in the final World Cup regatta of the season at Lucerne in Switzerland.

Ritchie and Ransley are typical of the young rowers being brought into the team at the start of the new Olympic cycle.

David Tanner, GB Rowing's performance director, believes the approach will reap

its rewards come 2012.

He said: "We have blooded some young and new athletes who need to learn the demands of toughness of Olympic-level racing. This has not been an easy season but I believe that it is laying a good basis for our Olympic campaign."

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Time when playing the field was all the rage



STOMPING GROUNDS: (Left to right) Gravesend's Bat & Ball, The Nevill at Tunbridge Wells, The Mote, Maidstone and St Lawrence

REGULAR readers of Kent on Sunday's timelines would be forgiven for concluding there was a golden era of cricket, when county sides played at multiple venues in front of thousands of fans, only for financial reality to kick in, forcing clubs to concentrate their resources on one or possibly two venues.

The status of the 'outground' has been a perennial dilemma for the game's organisers, ever since the inception of the County Championship in 1890, and probably even further back than that.

Logistical reasons compel counties to choose a single base like Edbaston or Trent Bridge, where they can maximise revenue by eliminating transport costs. But another logic suggests a county can increase its fan base and get additional revenue streams by staging games at multiple venues.

Glamorgan used to be a de facto Welsh national side, playing as far from their Cardiff base as Colwyn Bay and it was this reasoning that prompted Kent to stage games in Beckenham earlier this decade, with the county eyeing an increase in membership inside the M25 as a result. The difficulty for every county is striking a balance.

In the 1990s, Yorkshire decided to play all its games at Headingley, bar a couple of token fixtures at Scarborough, a move that resulted in a host of cancelled memberships.

A Sussex official however, reported complaints from members every time the club dared play away from Hove.

It isn't a new problem. Precisely 100 years ago the future of the Gravesend festival was in doubt, but a record attendance of 6,000 prompted a commentator to remark that "Gravesend has been weighed in the balance and not found wanting".

That year Kent played at six 'home' venues: Catford Bridge, Dover, Tonbridge, Tunbridge Wells, Blackheath and Canterbury.

By 1939, Catford had been abandoned, but Gillingham and Maidstone were added to the list and 50 years ago the former Kent and England A team bowler David Sayer can recall playing on as many as nine different grounds.

"Dover, Folkestone, Canterbury, Tunbridge Wells, Maidstone, Gillingham, Gravesend, Dartford and Blackheath, how many's that?" he says, after reeling off the list.

Trying to accommodate so many venues was a thankless task. Canterbury may now be Kent's undisputed HQ, but for much of the county's history it only staged a couple of championship games each year.

THE first generally accepted county game officially took place in 1709, between Kent and Surrey at Dartford. It's anyone's guess how many venues Kent have played at since then, but cricinfo's archives report 23 separate towns, villages or suburbs as boasting home grounds past or present, some of which, like Tonbridge and Canterbury, boast more than one venue. The full list is as follows: Ashford, Beckenham, Benenden (Hensted Park), Blackheath, Canterbury, Catford Bridge, Chatham, Cranbrook, Dartford, Dover, Dulwich, Folkestone, Gillingham, Gravesend, Hawkhurst, Maidstone, Sevenoaks, Sittingbourne, Tonbridge, Town Mall, Tunbridge Wells and Wrotham.

Going over old ground

By FRED ATKINS

In 1959, there was criticism in Maidstone of the 'unattractive' opponents laid on for the county town's festival, 50 years ago this week.

The fixture list was drawn up at Lord's, but not everyone realised this.

An exasperated Kent official was quoted as saying: "We are not the only county with weeks and festivals," as he tried in vain to point out it wasn't his fault Kent were playing Worcestershire – 'only' 3,500 fans turned up for the first day.

As Canterbury became predominant, outgrounds fell by the wayside, with Blackheath and Dover phased out.

In 1984, however, the complaints had a familiar ring to them, with fans in Folkestone bemoaning the lack of a proper, week-long festival. By the early 1990s Dartford had gone, with Folkestone following suit, though it still staged 2nd XI games.

Attractive

Then, in arguably the biggest shock of all, the Mote festival was officially mothballed in 2005, after a uniquely unedifying saga.

After years of tedious wrangling between the club and a local council notoriously apathetic about sport, Kent beat Gloucestershire in two days and had points deducted for a supposedly substandard pitch.

Kent's subsequent appeal looked hollow a couple of months later when they blamed the pitch for abandoning the county town, a plausible, but convenient reason for ending nearly a century and a half of tradition.

That left Kent with St Lawrence, which is a uniquely attractive cricket ground, The Nevill in Tunbridge Wells, which is a high-

ly picturesque cricket ground and Beckenham, which is a cricket ground.

Yet asked if he regrets the demise of so many festivals, Sayer says: "Not really, because some of them were pretty ropey, for spectators in particular."

He's too polite to say which grounds he doesn't lament, but would like to see Kent return to Maidstone, his home ground, and perhaps Folkestone. Again logistics pose a problem.

"It's a devil of a job to get all the facilities like the catering transported everywhere and when you play at one or two places the wickets are more likely to be looked after," Sayer points out.

Henry Blofeld, who began his broadcasting career at Gravesend's Bat & Ball ground in 1962, concurred.

"It is a shame, but it's just economic reality, especially now we have four-day cricket and counties don't have so many fixtures."

• **Do you know of any other outgrounds Kent used? Write to us as Apple Barn, Smeeth, TN25 6SR.**



Kent on Sunday sport takes a look back at the county's sporting action of yesteryear

1909 **100 YEARS AGO:** PROOF that the age of chivalry was alive and well came at the Bat & Ball ground in Gravesend, where Kent were administering a sound thrashing to 'Somersetshire.'

Colin Blythe was batting and had yet to get off the mark when he crashed the ball to the boundary near the Reserve Stand and was caught by Bisgood.

Blythe walked back to the pavilion, but Bisgood, realising he was a yard over the rope, "personally requested" Blythe to return to the crease, which he did, to resounding applause from the crowd.

He promptly chipped the next ball straight to mid-on, though with Hutchings making 155 and Fielder taking 10 wickets in the match, his dismissal was academic, as Kent won by 338 runs.

1959 **50 YEARS AGO:** KENT fans were denied the chance of seeing Colin Cowdrey during Maidstone week when he was recalled to the England squad to take on India at Old Trafford, joining his county colleague Godfrey Evans.

In their absence Kent's first-team were further diluted by an injury to Fred Ridgway, who aggravated a knee injury while bowling and was ruled out for a fortnight.

Dartford pulled off a coup in the transfer market when they signed the 28-year-old former Newcastle and Millwall utility forward Alan Monkhouse.

1984 **25 YEARS AGO:** A CROWD of more than 150,000 was expected at Brands Hatch, to witness Nigel Mansell and Derek Warwick vie for the honour of becoming the first Englishman ever to win the British Grand Prix at the circuit.

Rising star Martin Brundle was ruled out, after breaking both his ankles in a crash during a practice session for the previous Grand Prix in Dallas.

Gillingham manager Keith Peacock returned from holiday in Ibiza to find he had lost the services of 19-year-old midfielder Phil Handford.

Handford rejected the offer of a deal to join Wimbledon, then in the second division, having made 23 appearances for the Gills the previous year.



TOP DOG: Nigel Mansell at Brands Hatch

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Kent chairman George Kennedy talks exclusively to **GLENN PEARSON** about his plans for bringing success to the county and how redevelopment of the St Lawrence Ground is an integral part of the future

THE dreaded credit crunch couldn't have come at a worse time for Kent as they hastily tried to get going with the building work for ambitious redevelopment plans deemed crucial for the long-term future of the club.

Plans in 2007, were to put the life back into a tiring St Lawrence Ground in Canterbury with an expansive £10 million project which includes a facelift for the pavilion and Les Ames Stand, together with the erection of a 130-bed hotel, health and fitness centre and conference facilities at the far end of the ground. It was hoped work, financed by the sale of land behind the pavilion, would begin at the beginning of 2008, but by May that year, not a JCB was in sight.

The club announced during that month the project had progressed "slower than we would have liked", but building work should take place at the end of the summer and wouldn't interrupt the cricket.

The bombshell came in December last year when the redevelopment was officially put on hold because the club's development partner, Persimmon Homes and Vantage Hotel Developments Ltd, had reportedly suffered a 24 per cent drop in sales over the year, forcing them to pull out.

Chairman George Kennedy, in his first year in the hot seat, announced the club would have to "pull the whole thing and wait until conditions improve".

More than six months on, the only thing on the land for sale next to the ground is spectators' cars on match day.

Confident

While the project has ground to a halt, Kennedy has been working hard to find a new partner to do the work, having insisted in the past the club will not back down on the figure they feel the land is worth.

Interestingly, Kennedy, who lives in Chilham, revealed Persimmon came back several months after pulling out of the development offering half of the original price for the land. That was firmly rebuffed, but now the club are in talks with developers and are on the cusp of agreeing a deal.

"We have now got new tenders and we are on the verge of accepting from a couple of major corporations to go ahead, however, I will make it my business to make sure members are fully informed with what we are going to do," Kennedy said.

"The scheme doesn't change in any way. I'm quietly confident that at the end of the season there will be bulldozers on the ground getting on with things."

The Scot insists that the club will struggle to survive without an added income and that the redevelopment is an essential cog in keeping Kent afloat.

"For a club like Kent to survive, and it will survive as a member's club, it has to have another income," he said.

"You cannot survive on membership alone, it simply doesn't work when you think of what we pay the players and the administration of the club and the upkeep of the ground. Unless we get a proper income stream it will be very difficult."

"The most important thing for the club is our redevelopment scheme."

Kennedy playing off the front foot



KENNEDY ON...

the Sugababes and James Morrison concerts held at St Lawrence in June

"Some of the things we have tried don't always succeed, for example our concerts recently that have been a great subject of debate. Socially they were a huge success, I've never seen so many people enjoy themselves on the ground."

"We probably didn't make money on the Sugababes, but the James Morrison concert we had double the people, which was much better. We still don't know the figures because there is so many things still to come in."

"The cost of putting on the event was quite horrendous and the fees for the artists were pretty high. We didn't get the numbers we wanted on one evening, but we did on the other."

Asked whether the club would have made money from the two nights: "It's not looking that encouraging, I think it will be very tight indeed. It's down to the numbers on the first night, but it's going to be pretty close."

"That was the first time we have hosted a concert - I know we had Elton John here before, but that wasn't ours."

"We now have a database of 12,000 names and addresses and 12 months to plan whether to do it again or not. If we didn't make what we expected to make that wouldn't preclude me from doing it again, you have to learn."



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KENNEDY ON...

Kent's out of contract batsman Martin van Jaarsveld and his future at the club

"I would love to say that Martin van Jaarsveld has today signed his contract for the future, but I don't know yet. I'm hopeful he will."

"Over the next few days we will have a decision. I would like to think we have looked after him properly and we have made a decent offer for the future, it's now up to Jarra."

"The guy is married, he has a baby, there is another on the way, the thing he has to do is make sure his future is assured."

"At Kent we have done all we can to make sure that future is here. If he decided to go elsewhere then so be it, you can't force people to do things."

"We would certainly like to keep him."

"I've heard people say other counties will be getting out their cheque books, but what they forget is that next year there is a salary cap on all clubs, which is for £1.5 million."

"If you take a Surrey or Lancashire, the so-called big clubs, the more big players they sign the less there is for others."

"Do you want one or two really big stars or a really solid team? I think at Kent we have a solid team that can do the business."

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- His ambition as chairman to make Kent "fit for purpose"

Ford looks set to leave with talk of new coaching team

KENT will go into next season with a new coaching team after chairman George Kennedy revealed that Graham Ford was unlikely to return after this summer.

The club's director of cricket is out of contract at the end of the season, but all indications earlier in the summer were that the South African, who has turned Kent into

arguably the best limited overs side in county cricket, was going to return next season.

The 48-year-old, who joined Kent in 2005, told Kent on Sunday last week he hoped to sort out his future in the coming weeks and that he was hopeful of returning.

However, club chairman George Kennedy has exclusively revealed

that the county are actively discussing putting together a new coaching team that will be in place for next season.

He said: "We would love to keep him, but it isn't just the visa situation to be honest with you. Graham's personal situation is such that he wants to spend time with his family."

"He has been completely open with

the club with what he wants to do. He will be accessible to the club when he goes back to South Africa, but I think we will have a new coaching regime in place for next season and we are talking about that."

"As soon as we have something concrete to say we will announce that, but people won't be disappointed, I can assure them of that."



Picture: ADY KERRY

ON WAY OUT: Coach Ford (left)

Parnell's return is perfect as season begins to hot up

Inside view

with **JAMES TREDWELL**

THE return to Kent of Wayne Parnell is a huge boost to us as we go into a crucial part of the season, both in the County Championship and, of course, with our Twenty20 Cup quarter-final.

Wayne created a brilliant impression during his first spell with us and the wider world then saw his prodigious talent when he starred for South Africa in the ICC World Twenty20.

But it is a sign of just how much he enjoyed his cricket at Kent, and how well he settled into our dressing room, that we have managed to get him back for another five-week stint. Wayne's desire to return was a big part of the reason he is back with us now.

Personally speaking, I have another big reason for welcoming him back with a wide grin. It's not just that his 90mph bowling and thumping strokeplay with the bat is good to have on our side. The rough he creates, as a left-armers, outside the off stump of the opposition's right-hand batsmen is just what I am looking for.

My own bowling has been a source of real pleasure to me so far this season, and I am determined to keep it going for the whole campaign so that I reap as much of a benefit as I can from all the hard work I did at home and in India last winter.

Approach-wise, I am now back to trying to take wickets – and thinking about that above all else – whereas last season I had got into the bad habit of worrying about how I was getting the ball down there, rather



CLASS ACT: Wayne Parnell is back

Picture: ADY KERRY

than concentrating on what was happening at the business end of the pitch.

The ball is coming out of my hand nicely at the moment and I think my 8 for 66 against Glamorgan at Canterbury in early May, and the 6 for 27 I took in the Friends Provident Trophy game against Middlesex at Southgate

the previous week, really set me up and boosted my confidence at just the right time.

The fine weather so far this summer has also been a factor in my good form. Unlike in the past two seasons, the predominantly dry weather means that, as a spinner, you turn up for championship matches in particular knowing you are going to be playing a central role and you should get a decent number of overs. It gives you an extra spring in your step when you turn up for the day and the sun is shining.

It was a huge aim of mine this summer to get my career back on track, in terms of being able to challenge again for international recognition, and my batting has also been good so I am very happy overall with the way things have gone.

The Twenty20 Cup quarter-final against Durham next Monday will obviously be a massive game and I hope the gates are locked at the St Lawrence Ground and that Kent's supporters can help us to get through to a third successive finals day.

It will be a tough game because Durham are a talented and dangerous side. But, even though we topped the South Division, which in itself is an achievement as it is probably the most competitive of the three Twenty20 regional groups, I don't feel we have yet really played to the best of our ability in the 20-over format.

Again, with Parnell added to the mix, we have such a fantastic line-up of explosive cricketers – and none more explosive, on this season's form, than Darren Stevens – that I would back us to beat anyone if we play to our full potential.

Parnell, despite his big-hitting ability, is likely to be down with me in the tailend section for that Durham game. In fact, I have yet to bat at all in this year's Twenty20 Cup – that's 10 matches and no innings. But, as long as we keep on winning – and three more wins in the competition is what we are looking for, of course – I won't mind simply watching from the pavilion, with my bat and pads surplus to requirements.

• **James Tredwell, the Kent and England Lions all-rounder, is one of Kent on Sunday's regular sports columnists.**



Picture: ADY KERRY

LOOKING FORWARD: Lydia Greenway (left)

Greenway wants more of the same for England

LYDIA Greenway believes the only way to top retaining the Ashes and being world champions in the one-day and Twenty20 arena – is to do it all over again.

The Kent and England batsman was part of the side that has dominated the women's game in the last 12 months which culminated with retaining the Ashes England won Down Under last year.

The England side, led by Kent's Charlotte Edwards, drew the one-off Test with the Australians at Worcester earlier this week to cap of a sensational period in women's cricket.

Having beaten the Aussies 4-0 in the five-match one-day series preceding the four-day Test match, England went into the game with some confidence, but as so often in sport, the Australians are dangerous when wounded.

They were on top for large periods and it was left to Greenway and Edwards on the final day to keep the Australians at bay to ensure the Ashes wouldn't be leaving these shores.

Greenway hit 23 at the top of the innings, which in the context of the game was a vital knock as she and county colleague Edwards, who with a gritty unbeaten 53, helped rebuff the Australian bowlers.

For 23-year-old Greenway, retaining the Ashes is still the pinnacle.

"It's been brilliant and because we won the World Cup and the Twenty20, to retain the Ashes really tops off a great year," she said.

"For me winning the Ashes is massive because for the first time during that Test I was forced to think about 'what if we lose?' The game was really in the balance and I think that shows how much it means to us because a one-off Test makes it a real challenge."

Having been so dominant over the past 12 months, Edwards and Greenway, who return to Kent to play in the County Championship at the end of the month, will not be resting on their laurels when they return to international action.

Greenway said: "I think the biggest challenge for us all now is to prove our achievements were not a one-off. That's what makes the good teams great in sport and we want to go back and defend all those titles we have won."

Surtees must kick-start season at Brands

AFTER a disappointing start, Kent's Henry Surtees admitted he has to perform in the Brands Hatch round of the F2 Championship this afternoon, **writes Tom Howard.**

The 18-year-old from Edenbridge, near Sevenoaks, has just two points on the board after six races and has been hampered by a number of problems in the new F2 series.

Surtees, the son of Formula One champion John Surtees, has shown glimpses of pace, but is yet to make an impact on the championship.

With the familiar surroundings of Brands Hatch welcoming F2 this weekend, Surtees is desperate to perform.

He said: "It's a tough series, but I think we are starting to find our feet. The pole position

in Brno, Czech Republic, was a turning point.

"Even my father said I couldn't have done anything more at Spa in Belgium and we ended up without any points.

"Brands Hatch has definitely got to be the start of the championship for myself. It is a must-perform weekend, but I think a podium is a possibility here.

"I am not under pressure that is all outside. As long as you do your talking on the track, it is the results that speak.

"The name Surtees does help sometimes, but generally it is a case of putting in 100 per cent effort to get results."

• Log on to www.kentnews.co.uk to follow Surtees' progress.



TOUGH GOING: Henry Surtees yet to perform

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Kent's James Tredwell is pleased with the club's progress **71**



Sheringham signing on cards for Beckenham

BECKENHAM Town are on the verge of pulling off the transfer coup of the summer after holding talks with former England star Teddy Sheringham.

The Kent League club revealed the move on their website earlier this week and held a second round of talks with the 43-year-old on Friday.

Sheringham, who began his career at Millwall before many of his prospective team-mates were born, has not played professionally since a spell with Colchester United at the end of the 2007-08 season.

Peter Palmer, Beckenham's secretary,

By **DAVID PRITCHARD**

told Kent on Sunday before Friday's meeting that he was optimistic the move for Sheringham to play in Town's FA Vase games would go through, although the club are hopeful he might play more of a role.

He said: "It's not a publicity stunt, he's good friends of ours so he's going to sign up. It will just be for the Vase, but it might be more."

The move would represent a boost for Beckenham, who finished third bottom in

the Kent League last season, with average attendances of 74.

That gate would be dwarfed on September 5, when Beckenham host Sussex County League side Wealden in the FA Vase's first qualifying round.

Beckenham chairman Chris McCarthy admitted earlier this week that although there were still hurdles to be negotiated, he was nonetheless thrilled with the prospect.

He said: "These things do take a lot of sorting out. I'm really hopeful that between us we can make the situation become a reality."

"It's an enormously exciting prospect." Sheringham won 51 caps for England, scoring 11 goals.

His illustrious career began at Millwall and included West Ham, Tottenham Hotspur and Manchester United.

In total he made more than 900 appearances for club and country and is one of an exclusive club of players to score in the Premier League with five different clubs.

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In the first of an exclusive two-part interview with Kent chairman George Kennedy, he tells Kent on Sunday:

- The county will have a new coaching structure in place next year
- Star batsman Martin van Jaarsveld will make a decision about his future this week
- How one of the concerts lost money but won't put the county off putting them on next year
- The redevelopment of St Lawrence **IS** going ahead and will start at the end of the summer

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